



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/18/2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Kabat called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Elkins, Hedley (Vice Chair), Kabat (Chair), Schmidt

Absent: Evans, Lin, London

Staff: Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky, Management Analyst II Ori Paz, Management Analyst Joanna Chen, City Arborist Jillian Keller

C. Public Comment

- Ole Agesen requested an opportunity to provide a presentation on Climate Action Plan (CAP) analytics at a future meeting.

D. Regular Business

D1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

ACTION: Motion and second (Elkins/ Schmidt), to select Commissioner Kabat as Chair and Commissioner Hedley as Vice Chair, passed 4-0 (Evans, Lin, and London absent).

D2. Approve the March 16, 2022 Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes (Attachment)

ACTION: Motion and second (Kabat/ Elkins), to approve the March 16, 2022 Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes, passed 4-0 (Evans, Lin, and London absent).

D3. Public urban tree canopy and Heritage Tree Ordinance implementation presentation (Attachment)

City Arborist Jillian Keller and Management Analyst Joanna Chen made the presentation (Attachment).

- John McKenna spoke in support of planting more trees.

The Commissioner received information about the role of the city arborist, the tree division staff, statistics around the City's public urban tree canopy, exploring an urban tree management master plan, and the heritage tree ordinance process for removals for public trees versus privately owned trees.

E. Reports and Announcements

E1. Reports and Announcements from staff and commissioners

- Sustainability Manager Lucky announced new Commissioners, provided a list of the subcommittees and vacancies, and provided an update regarding reach codes.
- Commissioner Hedley requested subcommittee selections be placed on the next agenda and requested to work with staff to establish a regular CAP reporting plan.
- Commissioner Elkins provided an update from Palo Alto regarding their gas powered leaf blower ban, noting a new code enforcement officer was hired to enforce the ban's escalating citation schedule for homeowners and gardeners violating the ordinance.
- Commissioner Schmidt requested a CAP progress report update, the opportunity to have local nonprofits present their work, and capacity to assist the City at a future meeting.
- Commissioner Hedley requested information about how the subcommittees share information and how to get information about the various community groups and nonprofits working in the area.
- Commissioner Kabat provided an update on his work with BlocPower investigating constraints and opportunities with the electrician for two pilot projects in Menlo Park to electrofit existing multifamily residential buildings at Willow Court and Willow Terrace.
- Commissioner Kabat provided an update from a City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) meeting he attended discussing clean energy and reach codes options related to burn out ordinances, intervention points, and a gas equipment disclosure form.

F. Adjournment

Chair Kabat adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Ori Paz, Management Analyst II

Minutes approved at the June 15, 2022 Environmental Quality Commission meeting.