



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

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Chair Eggherman called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Eggherman, Members Miner, Weinstein, and Dandridge
Absent: Spitalnik, Benassini, Brown-Lechner, Benjamin, Wong, Krueger, and Rome
Also Present: Garth Schultz (Environmental Services Analyst and Staff Liaison), Maria Sanders (Environmental Services Analyst), Melanie Mintz (Environmental Services Division Manager), Janet Abelson (Council Liaison)

1. Comments from the Public on non-Agenda Items

Robin Mitchell announced that the High School is holding a meeting about its plans for a community garden Wednesday May 5.

2. Community workshop about the new El Cerrito recycling center

Chair Eggherman welcomed members of the public and introduced Environmental Services Division Manager Melanie Mintz, who gave an overview of the new recycling center design-build project. Ms. Mintz described the purpose, timeline, and goals of the new project, and the City's desire to involve the community in defining the recycling programs and sustainability and green building goals for the project. She introduced staff members Maria Sanders, Garth Schultz, Mario Gonzalez and consultant John Baker, each of whom spoke about various aspects of project planning, and where community input is being sought. After the brief presentation, the public was invited to ask questions and give comments. Several questions and comments were made and were discussed as a group. Then the public was invited to visit several stations covering the areas described above and give further input into project planning. There was lively discussion and questions at each station. Afterwards the public was invited for a last round of questions and comments. Staff asked that anyone interested in staying involved in the project sign up on the sign-in sheets so that staff can inform them of future community meetings regarding this project.

3. Close the community workshop (closed by Chair Eggherman)

4. Green Teams sub-committee brief

This item was included on the agenda in order to provide a venue for members of the EQC's Green Team subcommittee to discuss several pending items (due to the cancellation of a different meeting time), but few Green Team subcommittee members were present. Dave Weinstein made a public announcement about the Green Teams and the next Green Team clean-up event date on May 22.

5. Adjournment

Chair Eggherman adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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