MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND OUTREACH
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Hillside Conference Room (2nd Floor)
10890 San Pablo Avenue

Chair Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call
Present: Weinstein, Wong, Goudey, Hammer
Also Present: Garth Schultz, Environmental Analyst and Staff Liaison, Robin Mitchell, Charles Burress, and another community member whose name was not taken.

1. Comments from the public on non-Agenda Items
None.

2. Environmental Film Series Discussion
Goudy reported out that there was nothing to report on this topic. Staff and subcommittee members discussed the potential for films at the Rialto Cerrito prior to the holidays, but that things would need to come together quickly in order for that to happen. Goudy said he would try to see if that were possible.

3. Clean-up at BART Stations and Surrounding Areas on November 13
Schultz and subcommittee members discussed the details of this upcoming clean-up event in partnership with BART.

4. T-Shirts: Next Steps
Discussion about next steps for procuring and providing green team T-Shirts to volunteers; tabled until Krueger could be present as he is the lead on this project.

5. Other Upcoming Topics and Backburner Items
Next Clean-up or other Green Team Event: tentatively set for Saturday, Jan 22, details pending.

Compost Giveaway tentative for March, pending availability of compost: Goudey expressed interest in developing a bike-delivery or “Ice Cream Truck” model for delivering compost that elicited interest from staff, but needs further discussion.

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Earth Day, April 23, 2011: Per Schultz, planning for Earth Day starts soon, and now is a good time to think of projects. Some could include Trails, Community Gardens, Planting in the PG&E right-of-way, and others.

History of the Recycling Center and Tour: November 6, led by Weinstein and the Historical Society.

City Facebook Policy: per Schultz, still pending post elections.

Docent Program and Creek/Park Written Guides: per Schultz, still pending more interest.

Paths Stewardship, EC Trail Trekkers update: Weinstein reported that the group was recently turned down for technical assistance from the National Park Service, but that they are starting a survey program for the trails and have update the trail. Per feedback from the NPS, move partnerships could lead to support in the future. The Trekkers are holding a general interest meeting on 11/15 at the Arlington Clubhouse.

Weinstein also reported that he would soon be commenting at the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the EQC, Green Teams, and EC Trail Trekkers activities.

6. Adjournment – Weinstein closed the meeting at 8:30 PM

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