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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m. El Cerrito City Hall - City Council Chambers 10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

Chair Egherman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Egherman, Members Rome, Miner, Benassini, Benjamin, Wong, Dandridge, Corwin, Spitalnik, Pavel,

and Hammer

Absent: Weinstein, Krueger

Also Present: Garth Schultz (Staff Liaison, Environmental Services Analyst), Maria Sanders (Environmental

Services Analyst)

1. Comments from the public on non-agenda items

2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the Regular Committee meeting on September 14, 2010. <u>Benjamin/Benassini</u>. Passed unanimously.

3. 10/10/10 Event Feedback

<u>Sanders</u> reported out on a successful event and shared a video prepared by a local volunteer. Staff and committee members shared feedback about the event, how to make it more successful and less physically demanding next time, and how to share/distribute the video..

4. Food Scrap / Compost Program Update

<u>Schultz</u> gave and update about the status of the new food scrap collection program and answered questions from committee members, including whether the compost is tested (it is, details pending), and how to distribute more of it. Staff is hoping to do another compost giveaway in spring.

5. Climate Action Plan Timeline and Updates

<u>Sanders</u> gave an update about the process for developing the Climate Action Plan, and discussed plans for upcoming community workshops, and shared the dates of upcoming workshops with the Committee.

6. Subcommittee Updates

Rome reported on behalf of the Policies and Program Subcommittee that they recently heard an update from <u>Sanders</u> about the development of the Climate Action Plan. They also recently discussed plastic bag bans, with potential direction pending other updates on a state level. They have discussed the potential to move forward on a food waste/polystyrene ban prior to a bag ban. <u>Rome, Miner, and Corwin</u> are working ad hoc on the details.

Schultz solicited agenda items for the Involvement and Outreach Subcommittee, including an 11/13 clean up events at BART stations in conjunction with BART. Committee members also expressed interest in continued discussions of the environmental Film Series; Benjamin, Goudey, and Pavel to work on ad hoc basis. Sanders reported out that the 10/26 Climate Action Plan workshop was being held immediately prior to the upcoming Subcommittee meeting, from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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7. Committee and liaison announcements and future agenda items

<u>Abelson</u> announced that the Council agenda has been on the light summer schedule, and shared information about upcoming Council elections, Measure R, and statewide ballot initiatives.

Schultz reported on the New Recycling Center design-build process.

<u>Schultz</u> reported out on the RecycleMore Plastic Bag Discussion, this Thursday 10/14, and announced Chair/Vice Chair Nominations and Statements in December and Elections in January.

8. Adjournment

Chair Egherman closed the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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