



Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

10890 San Pablo Avenue

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Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Vice-Chair Milliken, Members Goudey, Hargrove, Miller, O'Connor, Sobul, Solari, Spitalnik, Tsutsui, and Weinstein

Absent: Members Miner, Pavel and Schaadt; Will Provost, Staff Liaison

Also Present: Melissa Tigbao, Senior Engineer; Gabrielle Ruxin, El Cerrito CivicSpark Fellow

1. **Council/ Staff Liaisons Announcements and Reports** –Milliken announced that Miner could not attend, so she will act as chair. Milliken also announced that Provost was at a conference and introduced the CivicSpark fellow for El Cerrito, Gabrielle Ruxin.
2. **Comments from the public on non-agenda items** –None
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Motion to approve the October 10 minutes (O'Connor, Weinstein, Unanimous)
4. **EQC Member Appointment Process**-Allison Kittleson submitted an application and has attended three meetings. EQC Members formed an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to interview Allison before the Committee's December meeting.
5. **EQC Work Plan 2018**–
Committee members participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding updating the Work Plan for 2018.
 - Milliken thanked Sobul for editing and reviewed the process for finalizing the new Work Plan.
 - Members discussed whether any items should be dropped from the Work Plan
 - Milliken proposed storing ideas for future consideration that will not be included in the Work Plan.
 - The tool lending library will be moved from the Work Plan to the ideas for future consideration
 - Sobul asked if the city is receiving any benefits for the new developments along San Pablo
 - Milliken tabled the question and proposed asking the City's economic development staff.

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- Members discussed this idea and how to better engage/communicate with other committees
- Committee members identified activities on the Work Plan to lead and support
 - Milliken:
 - Lead: Sunshares, EV awareness event
 - Support: Deep Green Business Outreach, Policy efforts, Tabling, Cleanups
 - O'Connor:
 - Lead: Pollinator workshop, Earth day activity, Green Team work party, Green Team clean up
 - Support: Tabling, Year of the Monarch/Pollinator
 - Tsutsui:
 - Lead: Pollinator workshop, pollinator habitat/connectivity programs
 - Support: Support acquisition of public open space, Review how city cares for its creeks and riparian habitat, Year of the Monarch/Pollinator
 - Weinstein:
 - Lead: Hillside festival, Green Team work party, Support acquisition of public open space, Expand stewardship of hillside natural area
 - Support: Contribute to trash mitigation strategies
 - Spitalnik:
 - Lead: Two film/lecture/workshop events
 - Support: Require three waste stream facilities, SunShares
 - Goudey:
 - Lead: PGE partnership, Require three waste stream facilities, Require unit level metering, Review/evaluate CAP, Participate in data collection and analysis of CAP metrics, Expand stewardship of hillside natural area
 - Solari:
 - Lead: Pollinator workshop, develop pollinator habitat/connectivity programs
 - Support: Expand stewardship of hillside natural area, Year of the Monarch/Pollinator
 - Miller:
 - Lead: Tabling and other outreach activities
 - Support: Year of the Monarch/Pollinator, Two film /lecture/workshop events, Develop pollinator habitat/connectivity programs
 - Sobul:
 - Lead: Deep Green
 - Support: Tabling and other outreach, EV awareness event, Require three stream waste facilities, Procurement/use of electric vehicles, Review/evaluate CAP, Participate in data collection and analysis of CAP metrics, all environmental related city programs
 - Hargrove:
 - Support: Year of the Monarch/Pollinator, Two film/lecture/workshop events, Green Team work party, PGE partnership, Review how city cares for its creeks, Contribute to trash mitigation strategies, Develop pollinator habitat/connectivity programs
- Committee members engaged in a discussion of the EQC website and social media presence
- The volunteer appreciation party was moved from the Work Plan to the items for future consideration

- Discussion of Objective 3: Policy Development and Advice
 - Requiring three stream waste facilities and requiring unit level metering were prioritized
 - Revision of the environmentally preferred purchase policy and procurement/use of electric vehicles were combined
 - Explore a solar access ordinance and net hardscape policy was moved to ideas for future consideration
- Committee members discussed Objective 4: Support of environmental related city programs
 - Weinstein discussed acquiring easements of property in El Cerrito
 - Goudey proposed adding monitoring of the Urban Greening Plan
- Milliken proposed organizing presentations by city staff at future EQC meetings
- Committee members ranked priority levels for all the Work Plan activities
 - Goudey noted that degree of difficulty is not included in the priority rankings
 - Weinstein and Sobul agreed with the idea of adding a difficulty ranking
- Discussion of EQC involvement in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals
 - Weinstein proposed combining and shortening those bullet points and noting the EQC's role as support to city staff
 - Monitoring of municipal solar production will be removed from the Work Plan and identified as a potential future agenda item
 - Electrification will be removed from Objective 4
- Milliken reviewed the next steps for the work plan, which include Sobul creating a new version, City staff reviewing the plan, and voting on the Work Plan at the December meeting

6. EQC Budget and Calendar of Events –

Heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:

- Green Teams –
 - Northern Entryway Cleanup (11/12)-
 - Weinstein reported that turnout was low at the most recent cleanup
 - Weinstein reported they mostly found microtrash around the Del Norte BART station; this may be an indication that pressure on BART was effective
- Film and/or Educational Events
 - StopWaste Energy Upgrade Workshop, October 17, Albany Community Center
 - Milliken gave a brief recap of the event and reported that over 70 people attended
 - Film Showing – March 10th
 - Film subcommittee members agreed upon the film “Demain” and the date March 10th
 - Future workshops:
 - Workshop on Pollinators and Monarch Butterflies (**Spring ‘18**)
 - Heat Pump Homes Tour (TBD)
 - Electrification (TBD)
 - Solar (TBD)
- Spring Calendar of Events
 - Hillside Festival 2018 (5/4-5/6)
 - Earth Day (4/21)/ Work Parties
 - Film Showing (3/10)

- Green Team Cleanups
 - January 28- Creekside Park
 - March 4- Plaza BART and Ohlone greenway
 - May 26- Northern entries
 - July 8- TBD
 - September 15- TBD
 - November 18- Northern Gateways
 - February-broom pull
- Motion to approve co sponsorship and dates for Green Team cleanups (Weinstein, O'Connor, Unanimous)
- Weinstein recommended that members attend the Friends of Five Creeks and Trail Trekkers broom pull on December 2nd
- Milliken proposed asking Provost of a way to invite members to events via calendar

7. Climate Action Plan Implementation –

Heard updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding implementation of the Climate Action Plan, including the following:

- MCE Deep Green update + Restaurant Week
 - 3 new sign-ups this month via 100x100 page (51 total); 25 via other (84 total) =135 TOTAL
 - EQC awarded MCE's Charles F. McGlashan Advocacy Award
 - Milliken reported that it will be presented Thursday 11/16 at the board meeting in Concord
- CCA & CPUC Updates
 - MCE Community Power Coalition
 - Milliken announced that Provost is looking into EQC's involvement

8. Parks & Recreation Facilities Master Plan–

Heard updates on the El Cerrito Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Planning Process and reports from members of the plan's Citizens Advisory Group.

- Public Meeting #1- Saturday, November 18, 2017, 9:30-11:30am.
El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane
- Public Meeting #2- Thursday, January 18, 2018, 6:30-8:30pm.
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- Milliken encouraged members to take the survey online and will ask Provost to recirculate

9. Announcement and future agenda items –

Heard committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items.

- Weinstein proposed adding an agenda item on Creek and Riparian Care for the December meeting
 - Weinstein will discuss with Provost about inviting Susan Schwartz to speak

10. Adjournment – 8:56 PM

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