7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL – Present: Chair Rebecca Milliken; Members Howdy Goudey, Mark Miner, Alison Moreno, Sean O’Connor, Jeff Sobul, Renee Solari, Ellen Spitalnik, Sheila Tarbet, Giselle Verrier, and Dave Weinstein
   Absent: Vice-Chair Neil Tsutsui; Members Daniel Hamilton, Elizabeth (Beth) Molnar, Paloma Pavel
   Also Present: Will Provost, Staff Liaison

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.

3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS
   Staff Liaison Will Provost announced that the City is anticipated to receive a prestigious Beacon Award this year, from the Institute for Local Government, recognizing the City’s commitment to addressing climate change. Provost also noted the City Council’s recent approval of a Public Tree and Shrub Ordinance, which will provide a foundation for the City’s Tree Program and enable the City to pursue the “Tree City USA” designation.

   Council Liaison Paul Fadelli highlighted multiple ongoing and recent City efforts, including: the weed abatement and fuel clearing program, designed to protect the community from fire risk; the development of an affordable housing task force; the decision to place a measure on the November ballot that would extend the current Measure A funding, which will be used for parks and facilities improvements; and PG&E’s decision to potentially shut off power in specific areas, during certain times, to reduce risks to public safety.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
   Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting on June 11, 2019.

   Moved/Second: Members O’Conner/Sobul Action: Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 11, 2019 EQC meeting Ayes: Unanimous Noes: None

5. PRESENTATION ON DRAFT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN
   Staff Liaison Will Provost provided a presentation on the Public Draft of the City’s
Green Infrastructure Plan, intended to improve stormwater quality in El Cerrito. The presentation was followed by a discussion with the EQC and members of the public in attendance.

6. **EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
   Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the EQC calendar of events, including:
   - **4th of July**
     - Committee members noted that the EQC booth may have been the best the Committee has ever created and that the “Plastic Free” display should continue at future events.
     - El Cerrito resident Denice Dennis highlighted the importance of educating the public on plastics.
   - **Educational Events, Films, and Workshops**
   - **National Drive Electric Week Event**
     - Berkeley Event (Saturday, Sept 14, 2019)
     - Richmond Event (Thursday, Sept 19, 2019)
   - **SunShares 2019 Participation (August – November)**
     - El Cerrito Workshop (October?)
       - Provost shared that the City will be hosting a workshop on October 3rd at the El Cerrito City Hall
   - **Film Event**
   - **Green Team Cleanups:**
     - July 20, HNA Broom Pull with Friends of Five Creeks and EC Trail Trekkers
     - Aug. 17, Saturday, Central Park and Cerrito Creek or Ohiwne Greenway
       - Event will take place at Baxter Creek and Northern Gateways
     - September 21, Saturday, Coastal Cleanup Event
     - October TBD, Tree Planting with Urban Forest Committee
       - Event has not been developed
     - Nov. 2, Saturday, Baxter Creek
   - **EV 101 Workshop**
     - Committee members discussed the possibility of hosting a workshop in November, to be determined at a future meeting.

7. **EQC “YEAR OF PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION” IMPLEMENTATION**
   *(20 min.)* Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the EQC’s “Year of Plastic Pollution Prevention”.
   - **Educate Community on Recycling Market Changes**
     - El Cerrito resident Barbara Chan shared that she has begun a letter writing campaign to manufacturers.
     - Spitalnik proposed doing additional education events on recycling, including on options for the domestic processing of materials.

8. **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**
   Hear updates, participate in discussion and consider possible action items regarding implementation of the Climate Action Plan.
   - **Climate Emergency Declaration**
     - Provost noted that City Staff is current developing language for a Climate Emergency Declaration that would be presented to the City Council in
August.
- MCE Deep Green Initiative - “20K by 2020”
  - Goudey discussed a workshop held by MCE to support engagement on CCA and CPUC issues.
- CCA & CPUC Updates
- Implementation and Financing Options

Committee members discussed the desire to provide input on the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Update.

**Moved/Second:** Members Goudey/Weinstein **Action:** Passed a motion to form an Ad-hoc Subcommittee to make a list of potential recommendations for the SPASP Update **Ayes:** Unanimous **Noes:** None

Barbara Chan, El Cerrito, stated that the El Cerrito Progressives will be showing a film titled “From Paris to Pittsburg”.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
Hear committee member announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items. Potentially engage in discussion and make decisions regarding logistics of EQC consideration of items including:
- Urban Greening Plan Implementation
- City Purchased Vehicles
- Climate Adaptation, Severe Weather Events, and Emergency Preparedness
- Brown Act Presentation from City Clerk
- Wildfire Preparedness and Potential Efforts around Smoke/Air Pollution
- Collapse of Insect Population
- Meatless “Green Mondays”
- Environmental Quality Volunteer Awards – Formalizing and Renaming
- Lending Libraries for Tools, Toys, etc.
- Pest Management and Local Wildlife (e.g. raptors)

Verrier shared her interest in bringing forward the following topics to the EQC:
- Coyote Education
- RPTT Rebates for Energy Efficiency – Education
- PG&E Emergency Power Shutoff
- EQC Skills/Resource List

10. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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