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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Environmental Quality Committee

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Rebecca Milliken; Vice-Chair Neil Tsutsui; Members Howdy Goudey, Beth Molnar, Alison Moreno, Sean O'Connor, Jeff Sobul, Renee Solari, Sheila Tarbet, Gisele Verrier, and Dave Weinstein
Absent: Members Daniel Hamilton, Mark Miner, Paloma Pavel, and Ellen Spitalnik
Also Present: Will Provost, Staff Liaison
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Paul Duncan, El Cerrito resident and member of Make El Cerrito Fire Safe, spoke in support of the EQC's interest and efforts to look into wildfire preparedness. John Anderson reiterated his interest in having the City take action to prohibit leaf blowers, and also expressed concern around graffiti in the community.
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** – None.
4. **PRESENTATION ON RAPTORS**
The Committee heard a presentation titled "Are Anticoagulant Rat Poisons our new DDT?", from Lisa Owens Viani, co-founder of Raptors are the Solution. Viani discussed the epidemic of wildlife mortality being caused by anticoagulant poisons and what governments and individuals can do to address the issue. Following the presentation, committee members asked questions and discussed the issue
5. **EQC Workplan 2020**
EQC Members reviewed and discussed the Draft EQC Work Plan and Calendar of Events.
Moved/Second: Members O'Conner/Molnar **Action:** Passed a motion to approve of the EQC Workplan for 2020 as amended **Ayes:** Unanimous **Noes:** None
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting on Nov. 12, 2019.
Moved/Second: Members O'Conner/Tarbet **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt

the minutes of the **November 12, 2019** EQC meeting **Ayes: Unanimous Noes: None**

7. APPROVAL OF THE 2020 MEETING CALENDAR FOR THE EQC

Consider a motion to approve the regular meeting schedule for 2020.

Moved/Second: Member O'Conner/Weinstein **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the regular meeting schedule for 2020 consisting of the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers (10890 San Pablo Ave). **Ayes: Unanimous Noes: None**

8. EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Committee members heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding the planning of the EQC calendar of events, including:

- Educational Events, Films, and Workshops
 - SunShares 2019 Participation Debrief (August – November)
 - Green Team Cleanups:
 - Jan. 18, Mar. 8, Apr. 18, Jun. 6, Aug. 16, Oct. 23
 - Weinstein noted the January 18 cleanup will take place at Cerrito Creek.
 - Electric Vehicles 101 Workshop – January 29 at 6:30pm
 - Register at elcerritoev101.eventbrite.com
 - BayRen Energy Efficiency Workshop (March)
 - Earth Day 2020 – 50th Anniversary (April 18)
 - O'Conner stated his interest in doing a litter count and waste characterization on Earth Day.
 - 7th Annual Hillside Festival – May 1 – 3
 - Film Event 2020
 - Committee members discussed film options, including “The Story of Plastic” and “Trees in Trouble.”
- EQC Meeting Presentation on Coyotes (January 2020)
 - Verrier encouraged members of the community to attend the presentation on Coyotes at the next EQC meeting on January 14, 2020.

9. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Committee members briefly discussed items regarding implementation of the Climate Action Plan, including:

- MCE Deep Green Initiative - “20K by 2020”
- MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission Updates
- Implementation and Financing Options

10. COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE

Committee members heard updates and discussed how to increase collaboration with the City's Urban Forest Committee.

Verrier spoke of the City's program to plant trees and noted the need for community members to water new trees that are planted.

Mary Torrusio, Urban Forest Committee Chair, highlighted the UFC's development of a new “Tree Care Corps” that will consist of trained volunteers, helping address the City's tree care needs.

Robin Mitchell, UFC Member, discussed the potential for the UFC and EQC to collaborate on a film event in 2020.

Weinstein volunteered to attend an upcoming UFC meeting.

EQC "YEAR OF PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION" IMPLEMENTATION

The EQC heard updates and participated in a discussion regarding implementation of the EQC's "Year of Plastic Pollution Prevention".

- Update on Development of Expanded Food Ware Ordinance

Committee members discussed the Plastic Atlas as a useful resource and breakfreefromplastics.org.

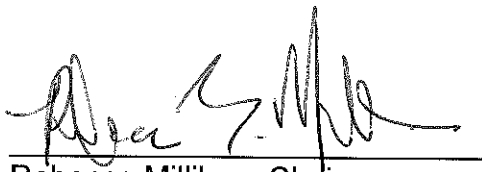
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members made announcements and discussed suggestions for future EQC agenda items, including:

- Urban Greening Plan Implementation
- City Purchased Vehicles
- Climate Adaptation, Severe Weather Events, and Emergency Preparedness
- Wildfire Preparedness and Potential Efforts around Smoke/Air Pollution
- Community Member Suggestions (e.g. Meatless Green Mondays, Leaf Blowers)
- Lending Libraries for Tools, Toys, etc.
- Real Property Transfer Tax Rebates for Energy Efficiency – Education
- PG&E Emergency Power Shutoffs
- EQC Skills/Resource List

Molnar stated her interest in agendizing a discussion on lending libraries. Verrier expressed interest in discussing the development of a program to engage and collaborate with students and young people in El Cerrito.

12. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Rebecca Milliken, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Environmental Quality Committee meeting of **December 10, 2019** as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.



Will Provost, Staff Liaison