



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall - City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

Roll Call: Chair Egberman, Vice-Chair Samkian, Members Brown-Lechner, Rome, Miner, Weinstein, Krueger, Benassini, Benjamin, Wong, Dandridge, and Spitalnik

1. Comments from the public on non-agenda items – 7:05

Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes for comment on non-agenda items. Comments regarding items on the agenda may be brought during discussion of those items and are subject to the same time limits. Please let the Chair know if you have a comment on a particular agenda item.

2. Approval of Minutes – 7:15

Approve the minutes of the Regular Committee Meeting on October 13, 2009.

3. Municipal Code revision – Animals Section – 7:20

Consider a motion approving “Recommendations as to Amending the Animal Ordinance Regarding the Keeping of Chickens, Bees, and Goats” and requesting that staff forward the Recommendations on to the Community Development – Planning Division for consideration and possible incorporation into pending Ordinance updates.

4. Recommendation for Green Businesses Recognition – 7:40

Consider a motion recommending that the Economic Development Board recognize one El Cerrito Green Business, in partnership with the Committee, as a part of its upcoming Business Recognition Program.

5. Discussion of plastic bag and food container bans – 8:00

Brief discussion of local activity on plastic bag and container bans and discussion of how to utilize the To-Go Container Initiative to support any future action in this area.

6. Sub-committee reports and 10/17 event debrief – 8:20

Receive brief updates from sub-committees; give feedback, and possibly make decisions regarding sub-committee projects. Potentially consider the creation of new sub-committees to work on new projects. Add major decisions regarding projects, programs, policy, or the Committee’s advisory role to future agendas. Debriefing from the October 17th community events.

- El Cerrito’s Environmentally Friendly To-Go Container Initiative
- Environmental Recognition Program
- Environmental Movie Series
- Community Green Teams
- Outreach Strategy and Planning
- Climate Action Planning and Outreach

7. Committee and liaison announcements and future agenda items – 8:40

Hear brief announcements about Council, staff and Committee liaison activities and desired future Committee agenda items. Future items:

- Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Statements in December, Elections in January
- Annual Program Review and 2010 Priority Setting in January and February

8. Adjournment – 9:00

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