MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
Environmental Quality Committee
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
JOIN VIA ZOOM:
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CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Goudey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL – Chair Howdy Goudey; Vice-Chair Rose Vekony; Members Buddy Akacić, Rebecca Milliken, Mark Miner, Evelyn Mitchell, Beth Molnar, Sean O’Connor, Paloma Pavel, Sheila Tarbet, and Dave Weinstein Absent: Members Neil Tsutsui and Ellen Spitalnik Also Present: Christina Leard, Staff Liaison and Will Provost, Staff

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
   El Cerrito resident Simrun Dhoot expressed interest in joining the EQC and noted she has been an El Cerrito resident for almost 6 years and works as an air quality engineer at the Bay Area Air District. El Cerrito resident Beckie Denio also expressed interest in joining the EQC. El Cerrito resident Steve Price announced that the El Cerrito Strollers and Rollers received lots of signups at the 4th of July event, and that there is now a website (ecstrollroll.org).

3. ENVIRONMENTAL ART
   Member Molnar presented artwork created by Brian Jungen, an artist from British Colombia, who created a life size whale skeleton using white plastic lawn chairs.

4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS
   Outgoing Staff Liaison Will Provost announced that staff member Christina Leard will be taking over as Staff Liaison effective this meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
   Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting on June 14, 2022. 
Move/Second: Members Milliken/Molnar Action: Passed a motion to adopt the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 EQC meeting. Ayes: Passed unanimously Noes: None

6. COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE
   Urban Forest Committee Member Robin Mitchell gave updates from the most recent Urban Forest Committee meeting, which she attended. There was public comment by Beckie Denio who noted that PG&E tree requirements differ from those of the City.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND RACIAL FRAMEWORK
   The Committee discussed potential next steps for the EQC to promote diversity and inclusion, including adding the JEDI tool as a link on upcoming agendas.

8. EQC BUDGET AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS
   Staff and Committee members provided updates on recent events the EQC has supported and discussed plans for future events in 2022, including:
• 4th of July -Debrief
  o **Move/Second:** Members O'Connor/Weinstein **Action:** Passed a motion to send a thank you note to Corey Mason for putting on the worldOne 4th of July Festival. **Ayes:** Passed unanimously **Noes:** None
• Pedestrian Bicycle Safety Event – July 25, 2022
• Recycling Center 50th Anniversary Celebration, August 5, 2022
  o City Council Resolution (Staff to bring forward in July), Budgetary Needs
• Green Team 2022 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
  o Aug. 14 Sunday, Cerrito Creek
  o Oct. 2, Sunday, Northern Gateways
  o Dec. 4, Sunday, Baxter Park (with regular Baxter volunteers)
• Berkeley e-bike event, TBD (E-mobility Expo)
• Ride Electric – Berkeley – Oct 1

9. **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**
EQC Members heard updates on items relating to implementation of the Climate Action Plan, including the following:
• Recommendations to the Council Climate Action Ad Hoc Subcommittee
  o The EQC received Public Comment from Fred Bialy,
  o **Move/Second:** Members Weinstein/O'Connor **Action:** Passed a motion to send to City Council the Climate Action Recommendations made by the EQC subcommittee (as amended based on discussion) **Ayes:** Goudey, Vekony, Milliken, Miner, Mitchell, Molinar, O'Connor, Pavel, Tarbet, and Weinstein **Noes:** None **Abstain:** Akacich **Absent:** Tsutsui and Spitalnik
• Real Property Transfer Tax Rebates for Energy Efficiency – Education
• MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission Updates
  o 100% renewable (deep green) power as the default electrical power source
• San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Update/EIR – EQC Comments

10. **GOALS OF THE EQC**
The Committee received a Memo from member Weinstein regarding the goals of the EQC and participated in brief discussion. Due to time constraints, the item will be brought back for discussion at the next meeting.

11. **EQC THEME FOR 2022 – “GO ELECTRIC!”**
The Committee participated in discussion regarding implementation of the EQC's workplan theme for 2022 to “Go Electric!”
  • Electrification Education
  • PGE/ Frontier Induction Burner Loaner Program
    o [https://pgenumbering@myturn.com/library/?WT.mc_id=Vanity_inductionloaner](https://pgenumbering@myturn.com/library/?WT.mc_id=Vanity_inductionloaner)

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
Staff and Committee members made announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items.
• Member Vekony announced that BART is having an open house meeting on 7/20
• Presentation on El Cerrito Trails and Pathways
• Climate Adaptation, Severe Weather Events, and Emergency Preparedness
• Integrated Pest Management Report from City Staff
• EQC Collaboration with Young People in El Cerrito
• Tool/Toy Lending Library
• Urban Greening Plan Implementation
• Community Member Suggestions (e.g. Meatless Green Mondays)
• Drought outreach
• Open Space Preservation
13. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Howdy Goudey, Chair

This is to clarify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Environmental Quality Committee meeting of July 12, 2022 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

Christina Leard, Staff Liaison