CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Goudey called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
There were no comments from the public.

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL ART**
Member Molnar presented artwork created by Max Liboiron entitled “Sea Globe.”

4. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Christina Leard announced that advisory body meetings will remain virtual through the end of the year. The possibility of moving to in-person meetings will be revisited after January 1, 2023. Once meetings go back in person, meetings will likely be phased in beginning with boards and commissions meeting in a hybrid fashion and committees meeting in person only.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the EQC meeting on September 13, 2022.
Move/Second: Members Molnar/Weinstein Action: Passed a motion to adopt the Minutes of the September 13, 2022 EQC meeting. Ayes: Goudey, Vekony, Akacić, Miner, Molnar, O’Connor, Tarbet, and Weinstein Noes: None Absent: Mitchell

6. **COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE**
Urban Forest Committee Member Robin Mitchell gave an update from the most recent Urban Forest Committee meeting.

7. **EQC MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS**
Member Miner introduced potential new EQC member Fred Bialy, who was interviewed by himself and member Tarbet prior to the EQC meeting.
Move/Second: Members Miner/O’Connor Action: Passed a motion to recommend Fred Bialy for appointment to the EQC. Ayes: Goudey, Vekony, Akacić, Miner, Molnar, O’Connor, Tarbet, and Weinstein Noes: None Absent: Mitchell

8. **EQC ANNUAL WORK PLAN**
Chair Goudey provided an overview of the typical work plan development process and Vice-Chair Vekony volunteered to serve as the Committee’s editor to incorporate all feedback and suggestions for discussion at the November meeting.
9. GOALS OF THE EQC
EQC members participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding the goals of the EQC.

Move/Second: Members Weinstein/O'Connor Action: Passed a motion to recommend the EQC support the sending of the memo from the EQC Goals Subcommittee to the City Manager. Ayes: Goudey, Vekony, Akacić, Miner, Mitchell, Molnar, O'Connor, Tarbet, and Weinstein Noes: None Absent: Pavel, Spitalnik, and Tsutsui

10. 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:
- Green Team 2022 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
  - Oct. 2, Sunday, Northern Gateways (Debrief)
  - Dec. 4, Sunday, Baxter Park (with regular Baxter volunteers)
- Berkeley Ride Electric event, October 15
  - [https://tinyurl.com/RideElectric2022](https://tinyurl.com/RideElectric2022)

11. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
EQC Members heard brief updates on items relating to implementation of the Climate Action Plan, including the following:
- San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Update/SEIR – EQC Comments
- Real Property Transfer Tax Rebates for Energy Efficiency – Education
- MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission Updates
  - 100% renewable (deep green) power as the default electrical power source

12. 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
- BayREN has increased its induction cooktop rebate from $300 to $750
- PGE/Frontier Induction Burner Loaner Program
  - [https://pge-induction.myturn.com/library/?WT.mc_id=Vanity_inductionloaner](https://pge-induction.myturn.com/library/?WT.mc_id=Vanity_inductionloaner)

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Staff and Committee members made announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items.
- Environmental, Social, And Racial Framework
  - Link to the JEDI Tool
- 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
- Mitigation of heat effects; Federal Inflation Reduction Act

14. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.
This is to clarify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Environmental Quality Committee meeting of October 11, 2022 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

Christina Leard, Staff Liaison