CONVENE REGULAR MEETING
Chair Goudey called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL – Chair Howdy Goudey; Vice-Chair Simrun Dhoot; Members Buddy Akacić, Pamela Austin, Evelyn Mitchell, Paloma Pavel, and Rose Vekony Absent: Members Fred Bialy, Mark Miner, Sean O’Connor, and Sheila Tarbet Also Present: Christina Leard, Staff Liaison

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
El Cerrito resident and member of El Cerrito Strollers and Rollers Steve Price gave an update on the recent SafeTREC “BART to Bay” workshop help on May 24.

3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS
Staff Liaison Christina Leard announced that the cart swap for new garbage and recycling carts will begin July 10, and outlined the timeline and process. She also gave an update on current staffing at the Recycling Center/Environmental Services Division, noting that Laurenten Brazil had resigned and Susan Kattchee is Interim Division Manager.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the Special EQC meeting May 11, 2023.
Move/Second: Akacić/Austin
Action: Passed a motion to adopt the Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Special EQC meeting.
Ayes: Unanimous Noes: None

5. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION REPORT
EQC Members received a presentation from the Sustainable Transportation Program Manager and participated in discussion regarding sustainable transportation in El Cerrito. There was public comment from community members Steve Price, Janet Byron, Richard Page, Mark Watson, and Robin Mitchell.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ART
Members Mitchell and Akacić presented a list of El Cerrito murals with addresses, along with a clipped section of a photo of the Red Panda mural.

7. COLLABORATION WITH THE URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE
Urban Forest Committee Member Robin Mitchell gave updates from the recent Urban Forest Committee meeting.

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 2023, including:

- Green Team 2023 Cleanups / Broom Pulls:
  - Aug. 13, Sunday, Creekside Park cleanup
  - Sept. 16, Saturday, Coastal Cleanup Day, Baxter Creek Park cleanup
  - Oct. 22, Sunday, Northern Gateways cleanup
  - Dec. 3, Sunday, Baxter Creek Park cleanup (with regular Baxter volunteers)
- 4th of July Planning & promotion of water bottle refill station & CAAP
  Staff Liaison Leard to send sign-up sheet for tabling.
  **Move/Second:** Pavel/Akacić **Action:** Passed a motion for the EQC to give commendation to Corey Mason for appreciation of service for producing the 4th of July worldOne Festival. **Ayes:** unanimous **Noes:** None
- Potential Co-Sponsored film screening (The Street Project) with EC Strollers and Rollers
  **Move/Second:** Goudey/Pavel **Action:** Passed a motion for the EQC to Co-Sponsor a film screening (The Street Project) with EC Strollers and Rollers **Ayes:** unanimous **Noes:** None

9. CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP)
   EQC Members heard brief updates, participated in discussion and considered possible action items regarding development of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, including:
   - Staff Liaison Christina Leard provided a brief summary of the recent CAAP Workshop held on Saturday June 3.
   - There was public comment from Richard Page.

10. PRESENTATION FROM EQC MEMBER PALOMA PAVEL
    This item was continued/postponed to the July EQC meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
    Staff and Committee members made announcements and suggestions for future EQC agenda items including:
    - MCE Clean Energy & California Public Utilities Commission Updates
    - BAAQMD update from Member Dhoot
    - Environmental, Social, And Racial Framework - Link to the JEDI Tool
    - Climate Adaptation, Severe Weather Events, and Emergency Preparedness
    - Environmental Films Series
    - 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)
    - Open Space Preservation
    - Mitigation of heat effects; Federal Inflation Reduction Act

12. ADJOURNMENT
    The meeting adjourned at 8:47 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 June 13, 2023 as approved by the Environmental Quality Committee.

Christina Leard, Staff Liaison