

Environmental Quality Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/24/2016
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Administration Building
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Chair Bedwell called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Barnes, Chair Bedwell, DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin, Smolke
Staff: Environmental Services Manager Heather Abrams, Environmental Services Specialist Sheena Ignacio

C. Public Comment

No public comment

D. Regular Business

D1. Update on General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting – 1 hr

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. Commissioner Kuntz-Duriseti, Commissioner Barnes and H. Abrams provided an update to the Commission.

Commissioner Marshall leaves at 8:03pm

D2. Discuss Arbor Day tree planting event – 20 mins

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. Janelle London, Menlo Spark Director of Sustainability, suggested that the Arbor Day tree-planting event take place at the Boys & Girls Club. H. Abrams also mentioned a suggestion from City Council Member Carlton and City Arborist C. Bonner to plant an oak tree at Fremont Park in honor of the City's Sister City, Galway Ireland. Next steps is for Chair Bedwell to contact C. Bonner to schedule the Arbor Day event.

D3. Discuss the downtown parking garage greenhouse gas (GHG) implications – 30 mins

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item.

D4. Make a possible recommendation to City Council on reallocating the Regional Renewable Energy Procurement (R-REP) project savings to a separate environmental fund – 15 min

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item.

- D5. Discuss and possibly recommend strategy for weighing possible grant opportunities and existing work plans – 30 mins

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item.

- D6. Approve January 27, 2016 Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes ([Attachment](#)) – 2 mins

ACTION: Motion and second (Barnes/Bedwell) to approve the January 27, 2016 minutes, passes (5-0-2) (Yayes: Nayes: Abstains: Smolke, Absent: Marshall)

E. Committee/Subcommittee Reports

- E1. Future agenda items – 5 mins

Update on GPAC

F. Informational Items

- F1. Community Choice Energy (CCE) update and PG&E 100% renewable tariff program – 10 mins

All 20 San Mateo County cities have joined PCE. The last Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held on 2/25/16. The first board meeting will be held in March.

- F2. Update on solid waste programs – 2 mins

H. Abrams provided the Commission with a brief update.

- F3. Future agenda items – 2 mins

Place a reminder of the change in location of the next EQC meeting at the senior center in agenda email.

G. Adjournment

Commissioner Bedwell adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Chris DeCardy, EQC Commissioner

Meeting minutes prepared by Sheena Ignacio, Environmental Services Specialist