



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9/28/2016
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Administration Building
700 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Bedwell, Dickerson, Vice Chair London, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin
Absent: DeCardy, Smolke
Staff: Sustainability Manager Heather Abrams, Senior Sustainability Specialist Vanessa Marcadejas

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment

D. Regular Business

D1. Discuss follow up to EQC recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding proposed heritage tree removals at 350 Sharon Park Drive and status of heritage redwood trees at 1020 Hermosa Way – 1 hour – Chair Martin

Heather Abrams provided the commission with a status update on both heritage tree sites (presentation).

Public Comment

- Andrew Barnes, Planning Commissioner, shared his experience in reviewing the project at the September 12th Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Barnes asked how commissions can bring best practices into what the community wants.
- Doug Devine, neighbor of 1020 Hermosa Way thanked the City, staff, and the EQC for imposing fines and conditions for the violations made on the property.
- Aruni Nanayakkara, neighbor of 350 Sharon Park Dr., stated that she agrees with having heritage tree permit conditions stay with the site and carry over to the new owner when the property is sold. Ms. Nanayakkara also expressed her concern over the EQC's tree recommendations not being considered by the Planning Commission.
- Uzi Bar-Gadda, expressed his concerns over whether the current and future property owners of 350 Sharon Park Dr. will take the EQC's heritage tree recommendations into consideration. Mr. Bar-Gadda urges that the Heritage Tree Ordinance update be prioritized by City Council.
- Anda Hall also stated that she agrees with connecting tree permit conditions to the 350 Sharon Park Dr. site. She also urged the EQC to do everything that they can to preserve and save the trees rather than replace them with trees that may not thrive.
- Nancy Devine, neighbor of 1020 Hermosa Way thanked the EQC and staff for imposing fines for the violations made on the property.

- May Mohu, neighbor of 350 Sharon Park Dr. donated her speaking time to Ms. Nanayakkara.
- Aruni Nanayakkara, neighbor of 350 Sharon Park Dr. , agrees with Mrs. Devine in that the community needs to take a preventative approach when it comes to ensuring that heritage tree permit conditions are being met and enforced.

ACTION: No formal action was taken.

- D2. Discuss and approve an updated EQC 2-Year Work Plan for submission to City Council (Attachment) – 1 hour – Chair Martin

ACTION: Motion and second (Martin/London) to finalize the discussion and editing of the EQC new two-year work plan as captured by staff during the discussion and for the Commission to approve of the work plan as amended, passes (5-0-2), (Yayes: Bedwell, Dickerson, London, Marshall, Martin; Absent: DeCardy, Smolke).

- D3. Discuss and possibly recommend adoption of the Annual Climate Adaptation Plan Update and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory – 1 hour – Heather Abrams

ACTION: No formal action was taken. Chair Martin requested that this item be tabled for the next EQC meeting.

- D4. Approve August 31, 2016 Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes (Attachment) – 2 mins

ACTION: Motion and second (Dickerson/Bedwell) to approve the August 31, 2016 EQC minutes passes (5-0-2), (Yayes: Bedwell, Dickerson, London, Marshall, Martin; Absent: DeCardy, Smolke).

E. Reports and Announcements

- E1. Future Agenda Items

- Potential Heritage Tree Appeal
- Climate Action Plan Update
- Discuss November and December EQC schedule

F. Adjournment

Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:39 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Vanessa Marcadejas, Senior Sustainability Specialist