

Environmental Quality Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 3/23/2016
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Senior Center
100 Terminal Ave., 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,
Absent: Vice Chair Martin, Smolke
Staff: Environmental Services Manager Heather Abrams, Environmental Services Specialist
Vanessa Marcadejas

C. Public Comment

No public comment

D. Regular Business

D1. Update and propose a possible recommendation for the Station 1300 EIR on traffic mitigation and bike routes – 30 mins

*Note: This agenda item will **not** serve as a public hearing on the project's Draft Infill Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Any comments on the Draft Infill EIR should be made at the March 21 Planning Commission meeting, or provided in writing to Thomas Rogers (throgers@menlopark.org) before April 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.*

ACTION: Motion and Second (Kuntz-Duriseti/Bedwell) for the EQC to:

- 1) Submit comments for the Station 1300 EIR supporting staff's recommendation to have bike lanes installed from El Camino Real to the east side of town as a traffic mitigation measure.
- 2) Advise against widening traffic lanes because it discourages other modes of transportation as the widening of lanes can have an impact on usability for bicyclist and pedestrians.
- 3) To earmark some of the Traffic Impact Fees (TIF's) for multi-modal transportation along other routes impacted by the project.

The motion passes (5-0-2) (Yayes: Barnes, Bedwell, DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti, Marshall;
Absent/Abstain: Martin, Smolke)

- D2. Discussion of the March 10, 2016 General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting and possible recommendation regarding the Green and Sustainable Building draft zoning section – 1 hr

ACTION: No formal action taken on this item. John Tarlton (Tarlton Properties) and Dave Johnson (Tarlton Properties Advisor) provided the Commission with insight on their development-related experiences and challenges with meeting sustainability standards for energy efficiency, water conservation, and transportation. Frank R. Petrilli (Associate Attorney with Arent Fox, representing Greenheart and Facebook) was also present, but only to observe.

- D3. Update on Peninsula Clean Energy – 10 mins

ACTION: No formal action taken on this item. H. Abrams provided an update to the Commission.

- D4. Make a possible recommendation to City Council for a proclamation – 2 mins

ACTION: No formal action taken on this item. Commissioner Kuntz-Duriseti updated the Commission on a “No Idling Policy” that a local Girl Scout troop started. She will invite the troop to provide a presentation at the next EQC meeting.

- D5. Approve February 24, 2016 Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes ([Attachment](#)) – 2 mins

Commissioner DeCardy stepped out of the meeting at 9:28pm

ACTION: Motion and second (Barnes/Bedwell) to approve the February 24, 2016 minutes with the amendment that Commissioner Marshall left the meeting after item D-1, passes (4-0-3), (Yayes: Barnes, Bedwell, Kuntz-Duriseti, Marshall; Absent/Abstains: DeCardy, Martin, Smolke)

Commissioner DeCardy returned to the meeting at 9:33pm

E. Informational Items

- E1. City Council Work Plan Transmittal and Capital (CIP) process update ([Attachment](#)) – 5 min

ACTION: No formal action taken on this item. As this was an informational item, no discussion was required.

F. Reports and Announcements

- F1. Future agenda items – 2 mins

- Appoint a representative to the GPAC
- Update on Peninsula Clean Energy
- Make a possible recommendation to City Council for a proclamation
- Potential informational presentation on water reuse by Sanitary District or sea-level rise by City Staff

G. Adjournment

Commissioner Bedwell adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Vanessa Marcadejas, Environmental Programs Specialist