

Environmental Quality Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 4/27/2016
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Administration Building
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Vice Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Public Comment

No public comment

D. Regular Business

D1. Consider a recommendation on a request to remove one oak heritage tree at 1 Carriage Ct ([Attachment](#)) – 1hr

Commissioners Bedwell & Kuntz-Duriseti arrive at 6:43pm

ACTION: Motion and second (DeCardy/Kuntz-Duriseti) for the EQC to deny the appeal based on the Heritage Tree criteria as stated in the arborist report, passes (5-1-1) (Yayes: Barnes, Bedwell, DeCardy, Kuntz-Duriseti, Martin; Nayes: Marshall; Absent/Abstain: Smolke)

D2. Discuss Arbor Day event – 15 min

ACTION: No formal action taken. The City Arborist, Christian Bonner, and the commissioners discussed the tree-planting event to be held Friday, May 26, 2016 at 9am at Fremont Park.

D3. Presentation and discussion regarding city emergency wells – 30 min

ACTION: No formal action taken. Senior Civil Engineer, Pam Lowe, provided the commissioners with an informational update on the emergency well project and the City's process in updating the Urban Water Management Plan.

Note: Discussion about potential reservoir in M-2 district

- D4. Appoint a representative to the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) – 30 mins

Kuntz-Duriseti leaves at 9:43pm

ACTION: No action taken. The commission will wait until the new EQC commissioner joins the EQC to discuss subcommittee appointments.

- D5. Review and comment on the current EQC 2-Year Work Plan in preparation for next 2-year plan update ([Attachment](#)) – 15 mins

ACTION: No formal action taken. The commission will table this item for the May 25, 2016 EQC meeting.

- D6. Discuss and potentially approve the cancellation of the July EQC meeting – 10 mins

ACTION: Motion and second (Bedwell/Marshall) for the EQC to approve cancellation passes (5-0-2) (Yayes: Bedwell, Barnes, DeCardy, Marshall, Martin; Absent/Abstain: Smolke, Kuntz-Duriseti)

- D7. Possible recommendation for City Council proclamation regarding Girls Scout No Idling Campaign – 10 mins

ACTION: No action taken. The commission will table this item for the May 25, 2016 EQC meeting.

- D8. Approve March 23, 2016 Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes ([Attachment](#)) – 2 mins

ACTION: Motion and second (Bedwell/Marshall) to approve March minutes passes (3-0-3) (Yayes: Bedwell, Barnes, DeCardy, Marshall; Absent/Abstain: Smolke, Kuntz-Duriseti, Martin)

E. Reports and Announcements

- E1. Update on Peninsula Clean Energy – 2 mins

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

- E2. Announce the newly appointed EQC Commissioner– 5 mins

ACTION: No formal action taken on this item. H. Abrams announced Janelle London as the newly appointed EQC commissioner.

- E3. Future agenda items – 5 mins

- Update on Arbor Day
- Update on PCE
- Update on Urban Water Management Plan and Emergency Wells Project

- Elect Chair and Vice chair

F. Adjournment

Chair Bedwell adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Commissioner DeCardy

Meeting minutes prepared by Sheena Ignacio, Environmental Programs Specialist