

Environmental Quality Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 6/20/2018
Time: 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Vice Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: Dickerson, Kabat, Marshall, Vice Chair Martin, Payne, Price
Absent: Chair London
Staff: Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky and Project Contractor Hannah Guenther

C. Public Comment

- Courtney Pal spoke in support of integrating sufficient transportation options, affordable housing, and elimination of gas infrastructure into the Downtown Specific Plan amendments.

D. Regular Business

D1. Select new commissioner chair and vice chair for the Environmental Quality Commission.

Vice Chair Deborah Martin introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Vice Chair Martin/Dickerson) to appoint Scott Marshall as Chair and Ryann Price as Vice Chair to the Environmental Quality Commission (6-0-1; Chair London absent).

D2. Consider updates to the Environmental Quality Commission 2018-2020 Work Plan (Attachment).

Vice Chair Deborah Martin introduced the item.

Commission came to a consensus to revisit the Environmental Quality Commission Work Plan in draft form for next scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Price excused herself from the duration of the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

D3. Review and discuss green building code integration to the Downtown Specific Plan (Attachment).

Vice Chair Deborah Martin introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Vice Chair Martin/Kabat) to recommend including natural gas-free construction for the Downtown Specific Plan Green Design Standards options analysis as identified in the Climate Action Plan (5-0-2; Chair London and Price absent).

D4. Approve the May 16, 2018, Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes (Attachment).

Rebecca Lucky introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Marshall/Payne) to approve the May 16, 2018, Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes with correction to the month. (5-1-2; Dickerson abstained, Chair London and Commissioner Price absent).

D5. Consider requests for future agenda items

The Commission identified the following as future agenda items:

1. Environmental Quality Commission Work Plan draft;
2. Downtown Parking Garage presentation;
3. Planning Commission to present on the Downtown Specific Plan

E. Reports and Announcements

E1. Subcommittee reports

There were no subcommittee reports.

E2. Individual commissioner reports

Commissioner Tom Kabat provided a verbal report on the June 18, 2018, Planning Commission meeting regarding electric vehicle charging requirements.

E3. Staff updates and announcements

Sustainability manager Rebecca Lucky provided a verbal update on the Heritage Tree Community Taskforce selection process and its scheduled meetings.

F. Adjournment

Vice Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Hannah Guenther.