

Environmental Quality Commission



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 9/26/2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

A. Chair Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present: London, Kabat, Chair Marshall, Martin, Payne, Vice Chair Price
Absent: None.
Staff: Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky, Senior Sustainability Specialist Alexandria Skoch, Acting Principal Planner Kyle Perata, Assistant Community Development Director Deanna Chow, Assistant Community Development Director Ron La France

C. Public Comment

None.

D. Regular Business

D1. Review and consider a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council on a request to remove 14 heritage trees for Facebook at 180-200 Jefferson Drive and 220 Jefferson Drive (Staff Report #18-011-EQC).

Chair Scott Marshall introduced the item.

Price recused herself at 6:10 p.m. from this item.

Acting Principal Planner Kyle Perata made the presentation.

Public Comment:

- Molly Batcholder from SBCA Tree Consulting spoke in support of approving the removal of 14 heritage trees for Facebook at 180-200 and 220 Jefferson Drive.
- Mandy Spain from Facebook spoke in support of approving the removal of 14 heritage trees for Facebook at 180-200 and 220 Jefferson Drive.
- Reuben Verkamp from Gensler spoke in support of approving the removal of 14 heritage trees for Facebook at 180-200 and 220 Jefferson Drive.

ACTION: Motion and second (Chair Marshall/Martin) to approve the request to remove 14 heritage trees for the Facebook development at 180-200 and 220 Jefferson Drive, passed 5-0-1 (Price recused).

D2. Review and discuss a recommendation to City Council to add an electric vehicle charging space

exception to Menlo Park's municipal code for qualifying affordable housing developments (Staff Report #18-012-EQC).

Chair Scott Marshall introduced the item.

Assistant Community Development Director Deanna Chow and Assistant Community Development Director Ron La France made the presentation.

Public Comment:

- Nesreen Kawar from MidPeninsula Housing spoke in support of the recommendation to City Council to add an electric vehicle charging space exception to Menlo Park's municipal code for qualifying affordable housing developments.
- Nevada V. Merriman from MidPeninsula Housing spoke in support of the recommendation to City Council to add an electric vehicle charging space exception to Menlo Park's municipal code for qualifying affordable housing developments.
- Diane Bailey from Menlo Spark spoke in general support of the recommendation to City Council, but wanted to increase the minimum electric vehicle charging spaces required for the exception beyond 10 percent.

ACTION: Motion and second (Chair Marshall/Martin) to recommend to City Council to add an electric vehicle charging station space exception to Menlo Park's municipal code for qualifying affordable housing developments with the stated requirement as a minimum of 10 percent, passed (6-0-0).

- D3. Discuss and consider the Environmental Quality Commission meeting date for the month of November 2018.

Chair Scott Marshall introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Payne/London) to cancel regular meetings for November and December, and hold a special meeting on December 5, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m., passed (6-0-0).

- D4. Approve the June 20, 2018, Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes (Attachment).

Rebecca Lucky introduced the item.

ACTION: Motion and second (Chair Marshall/Payne) to approve the June 20, 2018, Environmental Quality Commission meeting minutes, passed (6-0-0).

E. Reports and Announcements

- E1. Subcommittee reports

There were no subcommittee reports.

- E2. Individual commissioner reports

Commissioner Tom Kabat provided a verbal report on energy reach codes for 2019.

E3. Staff update and announcements

Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky provided a verbal update on the Heritage Tree Community Taskforce, Environmental Purchasing Policy, and Community Zero Waste Plan implementation.

F. Adjournment

Chair Marshall adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Alexandria Skoch.