

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.**  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall  
November 15, 2007

Present: Misty Sanford, President  
Alina Bokde, Vice President  
Maria Armoudian, Commissioner  
Joyce M. Perkins, Commissioner  
M. Teresa Villegas, Commissioner


Karla Cortez, Commission Secretary – (213) 978-2366

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Sanford called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Bokde approved the minutes of September 20 and October 18, 2007, Commissioner Armoudian second.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
4. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:** Detrich B. Allen, General Manager of the Environmental Affairs Department provided the Commission with an update of departmental activities.
  - Commissioner Sanford inquired if a member of EAC should attend the Transportation Committee meeting on November 28, 2007 regarding Proposition 84. Melinda Bartlett, Director of Water & Natural Resources Division recommended EAC member to attend. Commissioner Villegas to attend Transportation Committee meeting.
  - Commissioner Sanford recommended Commissioner Armoudian to attend the Budget & Finance Committee meeting regarding Green Business Certification Program when agendized. Commissioner Armoudian agreed.
5. **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**
  - Green LA Cumulative Impacts Working Group Presentation – Commissioner Sanford requested this item to be continued at the next EAC meeting.
  - Report from Mayor's Office regarding MillionTree Initiative – Lisa Sarno, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office Million Trees LA provided EAC a report regarding the MillionTree Initiative.
  - Commissioner Sanford requested a list of ordinances, requirements and/or specific policies in order to implement the MillionTree Initiative before the next EAC meeting. Lisa Sarno agreed to provide a list to EAC.

- Report from Bureau of Street Services regarding Porous Pavement – Beth Jines, Assistant General Manager of the Environmental Affairs Department provided EAC a status of the report regarding porous pavement. The City Council motion asked that the Bureau of Street Services and EAD prepare a joint report on the feasibility of using alternative street surfacing material that is more environmentally friendly. Bureau of Streets Services with the assistance of EAD has prepared a draft report regarding pros and cons of porous pavement. Porous pavement does not wear as well under certain circumstances. Porous pavement is not appropriate for heavily traveled street but it is more appropriate for parking areas. Porous pavement is twice the cost of asphalt. The Bureau of Street Services does good work with a very limited budget and their budget and mission does not include stormwater capture and water quality. Bureau of Street Services job is to build and repair streets. Bureau of Street Services has been asked to take on additional workload and costs, which should be discussed at City Council. The report should be completed within three weeks and requesting EAC to provide comments on report. Commissioner Sanford agreed.
- Status of Climate Action Plan - Gretchen Hardison, Director of Air Quality Division provided EAC an updated status of Climate Action Plan. EAD has had two rounds of submittals from the departments in order to put together how they are responding to and supporting the actions identified in the Green LA Climate Plan released last May. EAD has a drafting subcommittee to work with them to describe the actions with a schedule and timeline. The next General Managers Working Group meeting is scheduled for November 29 and will present a draft of the departmental action plan in order to obtain their input. EAD met with the consultants that are developing the strategy for the public participation program and consultants will report back regarding their proposed revised timeline. Also discussed with the consultants if there are any other areas where the City can facilitate emission reductions by members of the public businesses and residents that are not currently addressed on the action plan. Los Angeles World Airports is hosting an International Summit for the C40 (largest 40 international cities) involved with the Clinton Climate Foundation in early April, 2008 on aviation and climate change topics. Detrich Allen, General Manager; Beth Jines, Assistant General Manager and Gretchen Hardison, Director are serving on the Planning Committee to help develop the content of the conference which are: 1) ground transportation (how people get to the airport); 2) ground transportation on the airport (ground service equipment, facility, electricity, etc.); and, 3) aircraft emissions.
- Commissioner Armourian requested a copy of the draft departmental action plans for EAC to review. Detrich Allen agreed.
- Commissioner Sanford requested EAD to invite the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Australia to participate in the International Summit. Gretchen Hardison agreed.

6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Villegas requested for EAC to review Recreation & Parks regarding citywide community needs assessment findings report before the next EAC meeting. EAD to check the status of Recreation & Parks report.
  - Commissioner Villegas requested Recreation & Parks to report to EAC regarding LA Times newspaper article last month on the Quimby fees, which the City has \$77 million in fees of unspent money from developers.
  - Commissioner Sanford requested to schedule a conference call with Commissioner Villegas and Recreation & Parks to discuss the citywide community needs assessment findings report and how EAC could provide input. EAC to determine if Recreation & Parks should be added to EAC agenda for next month.
7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:** Commissioner Bokde requested for EAC to change January meeting to accommodate Commissioner Sanford's schedule.
  - Commissioner Bokde requested EAD to include Environmental Preferable Purchasing (EPP) as part of the General Manager's report to EAC. Beth Jines recommended Department of General Services to attend EAC meeting to provide a presentation regarding EPP. Commissioner Bokde agreed if the presentation is in regards to what Department of General Services wants to do and how to move the policy forward or could have a discussion.
  - Commissioner Bokde proposed for Commissioner Sanford to address each commissioner and give each commissioner the floor in terms of addressing presenters at EAC meetings.
8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:** Report from Council District 12 regarding Environmental Inspector Position motion; Report from Recreation & Parks regarding Citywide Community Needs Assessment Findings; Report from EAC regarding Meeting with Transportation Commission; Report from SCAG regarding Regional Transportation Plan; Brownfields Strategic Plan and Action Item re: Recommendations to Board of Recreation & Parks
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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