

MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall
February 1, 2007
SPECIAL MEETING

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

Bianca Vite, Commission Secretary - (213) 978-2366

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Sanford called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Sanford moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2006 and Commissioner Villegas seconded.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
4. **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**
 - Discussion regarding the next steps in the Commission's strategic planning process. Proposing that the Green LA infrastructure be the process by which the Commission moves forward in terms of helping define the Green Agenda. So far discussions with Dee, Mayor's Office and Green LA is clear that the Mayor's is okay with EAC working on the Green Agenda prior to appropriations for the budgeted position and would like EAC to play a strong role in developing the Green Agenda. Commissioner Bokde stated that if EAC decides to move forward with this project some ideas brought forth by the Commission are to look at the work Green LA has done in terms of how they have broken up into six subcommittees that identify particular areas and goals to get more detail in terms of actual strategy and interpretation. Would like to determine the best way of dividing the working groups to determine where there is overlap between the two documents to make the connection between Green LA and the Green Agenda. Thoughts on working towards a more intensified Green Agenda plan, have already engage community groups, City departments, and other Commissions, so the infrastructure has been built for the Green Agenda process.

Commissioner Sanford added that the Mayor has embraced the Green LA brochure, but biggest criticism is that it is not the Green Agenda because it has not been reviewed by City departments, and environmental projects that the City has currently are not listed or mentioned in the Green LA document and that there also needs to be a broader stakeholder engagement. First step should be to include the groups associated with Green LA as well as City departments and staff to develop the plan.

Draft goals that developed from the Mayor's campaign, staff compiled a list from all areas across the board such as transportation, energy and environment, etc. Energy and environment goals is where the top three goals were created from, which are; improve public health by enhancing the environment; unpaving paradise; and promoting environmental stewardship. Environmental framework that came out of Mayor's campaign and the work his staff contributed along with the Green Agenda document that EAD produced takes it a step further and goes in-depth to each of these three areas. Green LA recommendations are based on the same idea, which is why the Green LA plan can be used as a platform for EAC. Should have an understanding that EAC is using the Green LA document as the infrastructure and embedding it into the City's process to come out on the other end as the Green Agenda with added recommendations.

Two reference tools that were passed out by Commissioner Sanford was a Green LA recommendations outline to help guide the Commissions internal subcommittees in an effort to push the working groups forward and the other document is a chart which lays out a department checklist that covers each of the working groups and there three main goals.

Commissioner Bokde updated the EAC on preliminary conversations with Dee and Romel regarding the \$185,000 approval for the Green Agenda position, looking at what the Commissions role or involvement could be in hiring the consultant (i.e. interviews or developing the scope of work). Find parameters in how much involvement the Commission can have in this process, idea is that the consultant can provide a level of support to the Commission with respect to getting information, helping to facilitate meetings or whatever needs to be done in order to move the Green Agenda forward.

Commissioner Sanford added that the process is about looking at working groups and there recommendations as it relates to the Green Agenda and saying to actually accomplish these goals we need to work with the City to change the structure internally, what policies need to be adopted to get those things done, what money needs to be moved, and what changes should be implemented on the state level. This is what the implementation recommendations that EAC is pulling together are about.

Would like to assign two people to each working group to work with all the stakeholders involved throughout this effort and the consultant would help aid in this effort.

General Manager, Detrich Allen recommended to the Commissioners that they should engage in discussions of what the end product is going to be for the Green Agenda overall. Suggested having a kick-off with all City departments to determine where overlap is and provide an introduction to departments to ease transition and be able to put a face with a name when approaching them for subcommittee meetings. Romel can have Mayor write a letter informing departments that EAC is having a Green Agenda Kick-off and designate a representative from EAC to meet with the Mayor's Office on the Green Agenda.

Commissioner Perkins added that it would help if EAC could define the areas in the Green LA report that are not mentioned but should be included in the Green Agenda. To determine where the most support should go.

Commissioner Armoudian stated that she would like to see the City sponsor legislation on the state level.

Commissioner Villegas informed the EAC that the Mayor is already moving forward on Prop 84 funds and has various lobbyists set out to address issue. Stated that she would like to see the list of projects that City departments have submitted.

Commissioner Sanford briefed Commissioner Villegas on last month's presentation by Erin Walsh on Prop 84. Commissioners appointed Commissioner Villegas as the Prop 84 liaison to help aid in EAC goals; Commissioner Villegas will work closely with EAD staff and Mayor's Office.

A brief assessment of what is currently underway by the EAC:

First step, assess what departments and Commissions working groups should meet with. Coordinate with Dee and EAD staff to figure out what it is the City is doing already on each of these issues while simultaneously meeting with Green LA working group to define infrastructure.

Second step, once all working group meetings are done and budget for consultant has been approved present findings at a public meeting. Have the Mayor send a letter inviting all departments to Green Agenda Kick-Off meeting with EAC, Mayor's Office, other City departments and stakeholders, along with Green LA.

Proposed subcommittees established are as follows

Energy	Cumulative Impacts*	Transit	Water	Urban Ecosystems
Villegas	Sanford	Armoudian	Villegas	Perkins
Armoudian	Bokde	Perkins	Bokde	Sanford

*Port category folded into cumulative impacts.

6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS:** None

7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:** Bay Area Green Business Program, EAD to compile a list of ideas for future program projects

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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