

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.**  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall  
February 22, 2007

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

Absent: Maria Armodian, Commissioner

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Sanford called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Villegas approved the minutes of January 18, 2007, Commissioner Sanford second. The minutes of February 1, 2007 will be considered at the March 15, 2007 meeting.
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. As part of Ms. Allen's report to the Commission, Vice-President Bokde and President Sanford requested that EAD provide the Commission with an update presentation on the City's Brownfields' Program.
5. **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

Apollo Alliance Presentation – Elsa Barboza, Campaign Coordinator and Sabrina Smith, Organizing Director of Strategic Concepts in Organizing & Policy Education; and, Alex Dobrin, Government Relations Representative of Piping Industry Progress and Education Trust Fund provided the Commission with information on its Green Building/Green Industry proposal and also engage in discussions with EAC in regard to collaborating with Apollo on its environmental mission of creating a more sustainable, equitable and clean energy economy with the City of Los Angeles. Elsa Barboza informed EAC that Apollo's mission is to help shape a green economy in City of Los Angeles: specifically to address poverty issues with a long term vision of doing large scale job creation for low income communities; to create healthier and safer communities; and, to promote community-based land use planning and economic development. They have brought together progressive organizations in Los Angeles, community organizations from around the City, as well as labor unions; environmental sector; and, advisors to help advise the long-term vision, strategy and research on the work that they plan to do for the next five to ten years. Strategic goals for the Apollo Green Building Campaign are to establish an effective model for

our community to access thousands of new green jobs that they hope to create and to set a precedent for a green economic development. Elsa also stated that green economy should be about unionized jobs; address poverty; and environmental standards. They want to revitalize the manufacturing base here in Los Angeles to manufacture green building materials; influence strategic decision making bodies in Los Angeles; and, create a progressive pole. The green building proposals are: 1) to conduct an energy audit of all the city buildings to identify the sites and job potential; 2) to secure \$100 million to retrofit 100 existing city buildings with energy and water efficient technologies; 3) to create 2,000 union jobs for new and incumbent workers; 4) to establish a career ladder training program to connect inner city communities to green jobs; and 5) to establish purchasing and other policies to seed the development of local green building manufacturing. They are beginning with green building for several reasons: there is a momentum in Los Angeles through standards and incentives; stimulates local manufacturing of green building-related materials; creates a career ladder in a broad range of occupations and industries with entry level union occupations; buildings are the largest energy users in the United States; and, 15% reduction in city building annual energy use adds up to 6,670 tons reduction in carbon emissions. There are close to 1800 City-owned buildings, which does not include proprietary departments. In South Los Angeles there are 200 and the Department of Recreation and Parks owns 67. This just shows where all the City buildings are in the inner-city.

Sabrina Smith informed the EAC of Apollo's 2007 goals/priorities for green building and solar power: 1) conduct comprehensive energy audits of city buildings; 2) establish funding for retrofit projects and also DWP funds solar power generation systems on 100s of existing city buildings and properties; 3) train/place new and incumbent workers and apprentices to conduct audits; retrofits; solar panel installation and maintenance; and 4) establish policies and local purchasing policies to create 1,000s of new jobs in green building materials, manufacturing/assembly, and solar power generation system parts manufacturing/assembly. DWP will initiate an audit of 850 City buildings and a motion that cites some parameters for that audit. DWP will begin to audit 40 buildings a month and have initial data at least by April to provide a sense of which buildings to prioritize and potential for job creation. They also have contacted LA Trade Tech regarding developing and moving the anchor for the green career training program. This is the critical bridge to connect working class communities to apprenticeship program within the union. The initial funding for this year to be established possibly by DWP as a funding source; the City's general fund; and, assessing the infrastructure money of Prop 84. Finally, there are a number of community organizations which they have a grass root base with the South Los Angeles, Echo Park and Hollywood communities. Last year they talked to 14,000 residents regarding the possibility of green industry and green jobs. There was a tremendous amount of excitement and willingness to make this work. Apollo believes that Los Angeles can be a model both to shape and create a new sustainable equitable economy to address poverty and connecting communities to a better quality of life.

Detrich Allen, General Manager stated that she has been working with a group that is looking at a South Los Angeles Plan. The group has discussed the importance of a trade industry to create jobs in South Los Angeles. Recommends Apollo Alliance to connect with Valerie Shaw, Chair of that group so that they can have a discussion.

Commissioner Sanford stated there are two efforts of EAC: 1) Mayor's Green Agenda – EAC goal is helping with goals/policies through City departments; Apollo Alliance; Green LA and other groups; and, also on the business side working with developers and investors. EAC will ultimately have a City plan agenda. 2) EAC will continue to advise the Mayor, City Council and City departments on environmental policies. In order to complete these goals what needs to change within the City. What policies need to be pushed and changes that need to be made for EAC to help reach these goals. EAC would like to continue discussion with Apollo Alliance regarding the audit process. EAC will be coordinating with the Mayor's Office a meeting with City commissioners regarding a City task force on environmental issues.

Romel Pascual of the Mayor's Office informed EAC that several different entities are making efforts to position to get funds. This is an opportunity for Apollo Alliance who is working closely with Karen Bass to have a green agenda as well along with the work force component. The EAC role is to assist with the project criteria that the Mayor's Office may want to recommend.

Commissioner Bokde stated that the Commission's role is to be able to make an assessment of the policy level to develop a criteria. There are projects that meet multiple benefits that will hopefully get funded and strongly supported. The work force green piece is a critical part that offers strong benefits. EAC will help in obtaining that goal.

Commissioner Perkins stated that most of the focus is on all the buildings. She met with someone who is developing resurface guidelines for Public Works project in urban green space and how to develop guidelines to certify old concrete for streets and sidewalks. To move beyond the physical structure of buildings but also looking at tremendous amount of areas where there are park space and green space everywhere. Where do you start the discussion on how to make that ecologically friendly and establishing benchmarks. This is something that she is also interested in pursuing.

Environmental Defense Presentation – Laurie Kaye, Policy Analyst of Environmental Defense addressed EAC regarding attracting green industry to the City of Los Angeles. There are two types of green industry: 1) businesses that are environmentally friendly (i.e., recycle paper); and 2) businesses that are producers of green services (i.e., green technology). EAC can provide a leadership role in coordinating efforts and reaching out to potential businesses and investors through a City-wide green taskforce and a business action plan. Participants could include relevant City officials, producers of green technologies, consumers of green technologies, environmental and community stakeholders. The City could consolidate all these recommendations into an action plan that can be published and distributed. The City could establish a green procurement policy. This will create demand for green goods and services and encourage their location within the City. The City could also establish a green certification program. The program could identify both producers of green goods and services, and the environmentally friendly companies that consume their products and services. This can be linked into the City's procurement policy and can be used as a networking and promotional tool. EPA has pledge their support to help Los Angeles develop a green business certification program.

Commissioner Sanford and Karin Christie stated that the City is currently working on an environmental procurement policy. The Renew LA Committee has reviewed a draft policy and program. The document is currently waiting for a CLA and CAO report and then it will move on to other council committees that include Budget and Finance and Personnel. Commissioner Sanford added that EAC will follow up on efforts to move process along.

Overview of EAC Subcommittees:

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

**\*Port category folded into cumulative impacts.**

Prop 84 – Villegas

Green LA Report  
Climate Action Plan  
Green Industry - Green Jobs  
EPP  
Transportation – Green Industry  
Energy  
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Green Agenda  
1. Unpaving Paradise  
2. Improve Public Health  
3. Stewardship

Commissioner Sanford requested to have a special meeting for continued discussion regarding the Commission's strategic planning progress.

**6. COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS:**

**7. NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:** Green Agenda, update on the City's Brownfields' Program.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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