

MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall
May 25, 2006

Present: Vacant, President
Wayde Hunter, Vice President
Maria Armoudian, Commissioner
Alina Bokde, Commissioner
Misty Sanford, Commissioner

Absent: M. Teresa Villegas, Commissioner

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Wayde Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of March 16, 2006 were approved as written.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.
4. **MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT:** General Manager Allen provided the Commissioners with an update of departmental activities.
5. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:
 - Election of Officers – Misty Sanford was nominated and unanimously voted to the office of President. Alina Bokde was nominated and unanimously voted to the office of Vice President.
 - Romel Pascual, Assistant Deputy Mayor of Energy and Environment briefed the Commission on the environmental components of the Mayor's Budget for 2006-2007. The budget includes \$185,000 to \$200,000 towards the Green Agenda. EAD will be a critical part of this green agenda. Three priorities are improving public health, "unpaving paradise"- the Mayor's Million Tree Initiative and promoting environmental stewardship. The environmental budget is essentially a road map for the City in terms of how we want to achieve these goals. The budget includes a much needed Assistant General Manager for EAD that will provide a strong leadership. The EAC can be helpful by pushing forward to help leverage the \$180,000

start up money and bringing the public into the process. The direction will be dictated by the resources. There are resources, limited, but they are there.

- George Payba, Environmental Supervisor of the Environmental Business and Neighborhood Services Division provided a status report on the interdepartmental effort currently underway to develop recommendations for an Environmentally Preferable Product (EPP) policy and program for the City of Los Angeles. This effort began in June 2005 by Council motion (Garcetti/Smith) instructing General Services Department, Environmental Affairs Department, and Bureau of Sanitation to establish a working group to investigate the city's recycling products purchasing program. The working group was established, met and is currently in the process of reviewing the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Statement and Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Program Drafts. Proposed EPP Program includes adoption of the EPP Plan centralize disparate City environmental purchasing programs and policies into one comprehensive citywide environmental purchasing program, and prioritizing purchasing of environmental preferable products. Commissioners requested copies of the Draft EPP Program and for the opportunity to provide feedback.
- Green Roofs Task Force Report: Gretchen Hardison, Air Quality Director provided the EAD with background information on the Green Roof Task Force, including the Council motion instructing the creation of the green roofs task force, a review of the Task Force's findings and recommendations, and the accompanying resource guide "Green Roofs - Cooling Los Angeles." Jose Gutierrez, Environmental Supervisor for the Air Quality Division discussed the effects, benefits and types of green roofs in terms of storm water reduction, reducing the urban heat island effect, and reduction in energy consumption and costs. Discussion also included the components to construct a green roof, recommended characteristics of plants to be used on green roofs and challenges to be overcome. The Task Force will provide the City Council with suggestions for a pilot program which will include possible City buildings still in the design stage. Commissioners requested a copy of the Greenroofs Task Force guidebook, and an opportunity to provide feedback. Discussion points included what other City models include and policy recommendations. EAC members wish to speak with other city commissioners.

6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS:** None

7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:** Commissioner Bokde requested a status report of the Housing Bond.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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