

MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall
June 15, 2006

Present: Misty Sanford, President
Alina Bokde, Vice President
Maria Armoudian, Commissioner
Wayde Hunter, Commissioner
M. Teresa Villegas, Commissioner
*Joyce M. Perkins – Will begin official service July 1, 2006

Absent:

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Sanford called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of May 25, 2006 were approved as amended.
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:
 - Overview of the State Infrastructure Bond –Erin Walsh of the Mayor's Intergovernmental Relations Team briefed the Commission on the State Infrastructure Bond. The Legislature passed a 37.3 billion bond package to be on the November 2006 ballot. The bond is composed of a series of items including Transportation, Housing and Flood Control, Prop 42, and CEQA Streamlining. Ms. Walsh explained that the environmental component was deleted from the proposed measure in part because a separate environmental bond measure will also be on the November 2006 ballot. Commissioner Armoudian requested that Ms. Walsh e-mail the language of what is being streamlined to the commissioners. With the upcoming primary elections, the campaign for the bond has gone forward and Housing and Flood Control are being pushed. The Legislature had a pressing interest in getting a bond done. The real impetus to show that the Legislature could get something done took precedent over what the legislature thought was pressing. The Transportation component includes 200 Million for school bus

retrofit. Education Total: 100 Million for "Green Schools". Flood Control Bond: 2 pots, 500 Million for flood control subventions. 300 Million for storm/flood control management. Ms. Walsh was requested to return to the EAC after the elections and report on the outcome. If the State Infrastructure bond is passed, the EAC would like to be informed on the implementation and how the EAC can provide input.

Goods Movement: 1.0 Billion for goods movement related air quality focus on emissions reduction not currently required by law. CARB wants to do truck replacement. CEQA Streamlining- we will feel the effect from this in Los Angeles. Local bridges will qualify and need retrofit.

- Public Participation Strategy – General discussion on how to increase the number of participants at the Commission meeting was held. Suggestions included: changing the commission meeting date and time, hosting meetings off-site, and creating a Green Report annually.

Pro to moving the time is: more expected public participation.

Cons to moving the time include: no one willing to drive downtown at 5p.m. in traffic after work, not much public participation if you are not covering a "burning issue", the commissions inability to do something for the public.

Suggestions on how to deal with the Commissions' lack of visibility included: request that the microphones be turned on in the meeting room so that others can listen in through Council Audio, list the Commission members and meeting dates and times in the Environmental Affair newsletter, and post them on the City website, change the newsletter to two-colors and publish articles on more pressing environmental issues. Outreach – EAD staff can use the commission members to assist them in providing contacts. The EAC retreat will provide the commission the opportunity to self-define who they are and what they do. The Commission desires to reach out to other commissions, establish a nexus, and find particular meetings where the EAC presence would be of value.

- Recognition of Service – Outgoing commission Vice President Wayde Hunter was presented with a plaque and mementos. Fellow commissioners thanked Wayde for his service and posed for photos.
6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS:** EAC retreat – locate facilitator and query commission on available dates. Proprietary departments to be invited to discuss their budgets when approved and available. The Greenroofs Task Force handbook CD was distributed to commissioners as requested.
 7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:** Process for exploring new programs – Green Business.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**: Renew LA, EAC Charter

9. **ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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