

MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall
October 20, 2005

Present: Vacant, President
Wayde Hunter, Vice Commissioner
Noreen E. McClendon, Commissioner
Samuel J. Hill Jr., Commissioner
Misty Sanford, Commissioner

Absent:

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President Wayde Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of August 18, 2005 were considered and 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:
 - Bob Gilbert, LAX Stakeholder Liaison, of the Los Angeles World Airports gave the Commission a presentation about the Stakeholder Liaison position. The Stakeholder liaison position originated as a result of the Consensus Plan that Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski developed to ensure public participation in the implementation of the LAX Master Plan. Such individual should be appointed by the Board of Airport Commissioners to provide the stakeholders direct access to applicable information on the LAX Master Plan. Stakeholders include Community & Neighborhood Groups, Local residents, airlines and airport tenants, off-airport businesses, Federal, State and local agencies. The Stakeholder Liaison Office communicates with the Stakeholders by use of a website, a toll-free phone number, a temporary office, briefings are held with Stakeholder groups, they publish a quarterly

newsletter, semi-annual stakeholder forums are held, and project specific forums are held, and committee meetings are held. The LAX Master Plan implementation process is governed by the LAX Specific Plan, which established a process called the "LAX Plan Compliance Review" for all LAX Master Plan projects. In this process, all projects must be approved by the City Council. There is advanced planning & project definition, with initial project development interaction. LAX Plan compliance, and complete design dialogue leads to construction and ultimately long term mitigation measures being established and put in place.

- Melinda Bartlett, Director of the Water and Natural Resources Division informed the Commission about the Mayor's Million Tree Planting Initiative. Mayor Villaraigosa would like the City to be the greenest big City in America. This idea is that he would like to see 1 million trees planted in the near future. There are no timelines truly established. Hopeful that it can be done in 4 years. Other Cities have done this and it has taken them about 10 years. Board of Public Works Commissioner Paula Daniels is coordinating this effort for the Mayor. Between now and the end of the year each department must put together a plan of how we can accomplish this million tree legacy. We cannot do this as City employees alone. We must establish partnerships with non-profits organizations, with neighborhood councils, with faith-based organizations with everyone contributing, and putting things in perspective. Each department is asked to continue doing what we are doing and to find a way to capture how we are greening the city and to enhance it.
- Karin Christie, Director of the Environmental Business and Neighborhood Services Division gave the Commission a status report on the Green Team LA Program. This program is a comprehensive education outreach program aimed at preschool facilities, and childcare facilities on toxic awareness. Trying to reach parents so that they are aware of toxics in the home. This is done in partnership with the City Attorney's Office, the American Lung Association, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and the Childcare Coordinator of the City of Los Angeles's Commission for Children Youth and Their Families. Presentations on mold, moisture, asthma triggers, pesticides, and lead abatement are planned. A Kick-off event was held in May 2005. There is funding in place to produce a video which will be aired on the City's Cable Channel 35. The first presentation will be held on November 5, 2005 at California State University Northridge for childcare facility workers. This non-enforcement program aims to inform and educate, and is a pilot project right now.

6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS**: State of the City's Environment Report.
7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS**:
8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**: Discussion of EAD's role in the Mayor's Green Plan. Councilmember Greig Smith's Renew LA Plan.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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