

MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall
June 21, 2007

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

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Sanford called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of May 23, 2007 will be considered at the July 19, 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.
5. **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**
 - Climate Action Plan Public Participation Strategy – Commissioner Sanford stated that Green Building is a huge component of the Climate Action Plan. EAC needs to keep Green Building as part of their discussion on Climate Action Plan public participation. EAD to provide EAC updates on the Green Building process.
 - Commissioner Armoudian requested a Green Building briefing at one of the community workshops to ensure that it is incorporated into the Climate Action Plan. Commissioner Sanford agreed.
 - Commissioner Sanford requested Commission Secretary to forward upcoming environmental events to EAC for participation consideration.
 - Commissioner Villegas requested EAD to inform EAC of programs and activities that City departments are hosting so that EAC can be a part of the process.

- Commissioner Perkins suggested EAD to develop measurement criteria on the green scale that could be applied to City departments, which is a good start to find out where the City is on the green scale to reach the 35% reduction to establish a baseline. First step is for EAD to do an in house assessment regarding resources to condense and combine efforts to reach these goals. Detrich Allen agreed.
- Commissioner Perkins inquired regarding the structure and information that will be presented at the community workshops. What are the different points and components that EAC requires for responses from the community workshops on the Climate Action Plan.
- Commissioner Villegas inquired regarding the deadline for EAC's report on the Climate Action Plan. Detrich Allen responded that EAC's report is due December 2007.
- Commissioner Armoudian suggested experts and City departments to attend the community workshops. Compile a list of experts for each of the subject areas. To obtain maximum participation from the community provide give-aways, for example DWP light bulbs, trees, etc.
- Commissioner Sanford stated that EAD to create the implementation plan for the City departments. Once EAD has completed that task, EAC can schedule the community workshops to obtain feedback on the Climate Action Plan.
- Commissioner Armoudian suggested EAD to assign a staff member to be the liaison to coordinate with EAC. Commissioner Sanford agreed.
- Detrich Allen agreed that there should be an integrated effort on the implementation plan and public participation but unfortunately it is not conducive for an integrated approach. The public participation and inter-agency group deadline is concurrent.
- Commissioner Sanford stated that City departments should not set their priorities until they have the public's input. EAD to provide EAC with the inter-agency group implementation plan and get feedback from the public. Detrich Allen agreed.
- Gretchen Hardison, Director of Air Quality Division stated to EAC that EAD is laying out the tasks for the inter-agency group component. The focus areas for the Climate Action Plan are: 1) Energy, 2) Water, 3) Transportation, 4) Land Use, 5) Waste, 6) Port, 7) Airport, 8) Open Space and Greening, 9) Green Economy; and, 10) Adaptation.
- Commissioner Sanford recommended not to schedule the community workshops until EAD has completed the inter-agency group component.

- Commissioner Sanford requested a conference call with Detrich Allen and Commissioner Armoudian to further discuss the schedule for public outreach on Climate Action Plan.
 - Discussion on public comments regarding the criteria for Proposition 84 – Commissioner Villegas requested this item to be continued at the next EAC meeting.
 - Environmental Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Policy – Commissioner Sanford requested EAD to schedule a meeting with Mayor’s Office, General Services Division, EAC and EAD regarding next steps for EPP.
 - Public Works Presentation on Multi-Family Recycling Project – Cathleen Chavez, Environmental Specialist II of Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Public Works provided a power point presentation to EAC regarding the multi-family recycling project.
 - 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.
 - Commissioner Villegas requested a presentation from the Department of Recreation & Parks at the next EAC meeting regarding park plans on Proposition 84.
6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS**: None
7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS**: None
8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**: Green LA Cumulative Impacts Working Group Presentation, Recreation & Parks Presentation on Future Park Locations and Programming, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Presentation on Northeast LA Opening Space Plan and Report from Council District 12 regarding Environmental Inspector Position motion.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**: The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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