

Daryl Supernaw, Commissioner  
Rick Berry, Commissioner  
Andrea White-Kjoss, Commissioner  
Gordana Kajer, Vice Chair  
Lisa Wibroe, Chair



Robin Thorne, Commissioner  
Joan Greenwood, Commissioner  
Jill Brennan, Commissioner  
Kyle McCune, Commissioner  
Vacant, Commissioner  
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## FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

[see media](#)

### CALL TO ORDER

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At 4:10 P.M., Vice Chair Kajer called the Sustainable City Commission meeting to order

### ROLL CALL

[see media](#)

**Boardmembers Present:** Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

**Boardmembers Excused:** Lisa Wibroe and Andrea White-Kjoss

**Boardmembers Absent:** Robin Thorne and Elliot Gonzales

ALSO PRESENT: Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator; Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; and Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk Typist III.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

[see media](#)

There was no public participation.

### NEW BUSINESS

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1. [10-1071](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday August 19, 2010.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Supernaw, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to approve the recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday August 19, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Gordana Kajer and Rick Berry

**Abstain:** 2 - Joan Greenwood and Kyle McCune

**Excused:** 2 - Lisa Wibroe and Andrea White-Kjoss

**Absent:** 2 - Robin Thorne and Elliot Gonzales

Roll Call

**Boardmembers Present:** Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

**Boardmembers Excused:** Lisa Wibroe and Andrea White-Kjoss

**Boardmembers Absent:** Elliot Gonzales

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2. [10-1072](#) Recommendation to approve the City's Green Purchasing Policy Framework.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the City's Green Purchasing Policy Framework.

Commissioner Thorne entered the Chamber.

Thorne joined the meeting.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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Commissioner Berry spoke.

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A dialogue ensued between Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, and Commissioner Berry.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Berry, seconded by Commissioner McCune, to approve the City's Green Purchasing Policy Framework and amend the recommendation to add a component of outdoor landscaping supply purchases. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

**Excused:** 2 - Lisa Wibroe and Andrea White-Kjoss

**Absent:** 1 - Elliot Gonzales

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3. [10-1073](#)

Recommendation to approve the Low Impact Development Ordinance Framework and forward to the Planning Commission.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the Low Impact Development Ordinance Framework report.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Kajer and Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, and Vice Chair Kajer.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Supernaw, to approve the Low Impact Development Ordinance Framework and forward to the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

**Excused:** 2 - Lisa Wibroe and Andrea White-Kjoss

**Absent:** 1 - Elliot Gonzales

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4. [10-1074](#)

Recommendation to receive a report on Green Workforce Development Programs.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the Green Workforce Development Programs report.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Berry and Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Supernaw and Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Greenwood and Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Berry, to receive a report on Green Workforce Development Programs. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

**Excused:** 2 - Lisa Wibroe and Andrea White-Kjoss

**Absent:** 1 - Elliot Gonzales

## **PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF**

[see media](#)

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, announced the following:

CalFire is offering various grants and the Sustainable City Staff is applying for two of the grants. One of the grants includes another round of 1,000 new trees for their Green Trees for the Golden State Program. There is also a Leading Edge Program for Innovative Technology which the Sustainable City Staff will be requesting bio-retention tree wells with an approach to match stormwater mitigation with trees through the bio-retention tree wells. Each grant application is due September 30, 2010.

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The Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate Program continues as well as the municipal retrofits. There are still a significant amount of rebates to be distributed. There were 500 issued for distribution and there are about 50 presently subscribed. Reminders will be in ads in the Press-Telegram and other media sites.

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There is a kick-off of an Energy Efficiency Opportunity Drawing in partnership with Southern California Edison. The drawing is an on-line application process with two simple steps: (1) Visit the City's website at [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov) to complete a home energy survey. A PDF report of the energy use in the home will be generated by using the applicant's Edison account number or account address. (2) Complete the one page on-line application and forward via e-mail to [Meredith.Reynolds@longbeach.gov](mailto:Meredith.Reynolds@longbeach.gov). There will be nine grand prize winners (one person in each City Council District) who will win a \$5,000 Energy Efficiency Home Makeover courtesy of Southern California Edison. There will also be nine runner-up winners (one in each City Council District) who will receive a

choice of a Whole-House Fan, a New HVAC, a Variable-Speed Pool Pump, or a Refrigerator. The deadline to apply is November 19, 2010 and winners will be announced November 29, 2010. Individuals without access to a home computer can complete the application at their neighborhood research center or local library. The goal is to have the winners announced in November and have construction/installations take place between January 2010 and April 2011 with an unveiling during Earth Week 2011.

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The Municipal Buildings retrofits are progressing...more information is forthcoming. Presently there is a new HVAC unit at Main Health; a cool roof at West Health; lighting being installed at Long Beach Gas & Oil, Fleet facilities and the Fire Training Center. Other installations will take place during the coming year.

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The Sustainable City Staff was photographed and interviewed by the Long Beach Business Journal who did a great job on the article about green issues. The Press-Telegram also did a 'Go Green' section this week.

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The Sustainable City Staff will be attending various public events:

- (1) The Good Neighbor Festival, Good Neighbor Park,  
Saturday September 25, 2010, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (2) Green Port Fest - Saturday October 2, 2010, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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The Sustainable City Staff will begin drafting a preview of coming attractions for the agenda for the next regular meeting October 28, 2010. For example:

The Mulch Proposal Program

Update on SB375 which is an extension of AB32 and tries to connect transit housing and land use to examine the greenhouse gas emissions.

A Member of the Green Business Community will be recognized by the Chair and members of the Commission with a certificate.

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One final reminder:

The November & December Sustainable City Commission meeting will be combined and

is scheduled for December 1, 2010 with an item addressing Urban Agriculture Policies.

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Commissioner Berry asked if the Sustainable City Commission has a Facebook page.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, responded: "At this point we do not."

Commissioner Berry announced on October 23, 2010 there will be a farm dinner with Chef Paul, Chef Michael and several other chefs will participate. The fee is \$65 for the gourmet dinner using farm fresh items.

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Commissioner Supernaw spoke and mentioned the 5th District Solar Task Force will not be doing a solar tour this year. LBReport.com was set to do a live webcast of that project and will still be willing to do it if someone could pull it off. The Office of Sustainability may want to consider it.

Commissioner Supernaw also gave commendation to Tiffany Rider, Long Beach Business Journal, for a job well done on the article about green issues featuring Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator and Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS**

[see media](#)

Vice Chair Kajer spoke regarding the wetlands preservation issue in Long Beach. There will be an issue presented to the California Coastal Commission regarding a piece of property in Long Beach that was the subject of a crime in March 2009. The property owner is taking his case before the California Coastal Commission whose responsibility will be to determine the exact circumstances and what the consequences will be for not having obtained the proper permits in order to use bulldozers on a piece of wetland or sensitive habitat. The hearing will be on the question of Mr. Hitchcock's property on the corner of Loynes & Studebaker in Long Beach. More information is forthcoming.

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Commissioner Supernaw mentioned he ran into an entity called the Sustainable Business Leadership Council of Orange County. They are trying to build a consortium which is a great idea. The 4th District does quite a bit on the border of Orange County so it would be great to involve the Business Leadership Council of Orange County with some of the 4th District activities.

There are three or probably four different tours of wetlands in October 2010. If you have never been on a bird walk tour it is highly recommended. The 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month is the Hillman Property tours and there is a new tour behind Market Place

which would be a new entry point. Contact El Dorado Autobahn on-line for more information.

The other point mentioned, at the off-site meeting, it was mentioned how Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager, talked about celebrating successes and community involvement. Ms. Frick is such a great positive person that the issue in the Press-Telegram about the bike problem at Ximeno and Vista...there were 74 negative comments about the bike roundabout in the article. If anyone is unaware, the buses are having trouble maneuvering past the bike roundabout. Having a marketing background, in the restaurant industry, it takes six times as much money to attract a customer that was lost than to get a customer in the first place. The term bike nazi was in one of the comments. It's such a negative piece, perhaps it's human nature to bash all these things...but maybe the Commission can work on seeing what can be done to offset the negative comments. It hits home with Commissioner Supernaw because when the project was done along the Atherton ditch, there were plant failures which caused the people to lash out against drought-tolerant landscapes in general. Is there a proactive program to keep good intentions from going bad? The irony is, the problem with the roundabout is independent of biking, yet they are lashing out at the biking community.

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Vice Chair Kajer commented that the unfortunate fact is that there are so many other projects involving street construction in Long Beach that there have been too many buses along that route. It is a bus route but it's not a street that normally takes that many buses but they have been re-routed because of other street construction so it's been compounded.

Commissioner Brennan reminded everyone that Saturday September 25, 2010 is Coastal Cleanup Day across the state.

Commissioner McCune announced he visited the Caribbean and noticed the rain barrel program. The Commissioner took photos and spoke to individuals who work in Antigua and they explained that all the water on the island is from the rain barrel program. All the new buildings use water from the rain barrel program. Commissioner McCune thanked his fellow Commissioners for enlightening him. Many in the 9th District are interested and want to get involved so he hopes the City will continue the program.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw commended Vice Chair Kajer for a remarkable job standing in for Chair Wibroe.

## **ADJOURNMENT**



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Commissioner Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

At 5:41 P.M., there being no objection, Vice Chair Kajer declared the meeting adjourned.