

Gordana Kajer, Chair  
Joan Greenwood, Vice Chair  
Rick Berry, Commissioner  
Lisa Wibroe, Commissioner  
Daryl Supernaw, Commissioner



Jill Brennan, Commissioner  
Robin Thorne, Commissioner  
Kyle McCune, Commissioner  
Elliot Gonzalez, Commissioner

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## FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

At 4:07 PM, Chair Kajer called the Sustainable City Commission meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

**Commissioners Present:** Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan and Daryl Supernaw

**Commissioners Excused:** Joan Greenwood

**Commissioners Absent:** Elliot Gonzales, Kyle McCune and Robin Thorne

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant; David Magdangal, Landscape Designer; and Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk Typist III.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting held Thursday, September 27, 2012.  
**A motion was made by Commission Supernaw, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to approve the September 27, 2012 Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**  
**Yes:** 5 - Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan and Daryl Supernaw  
**Excused:** 1 - Joan Greenwood

**Absent:** 3 - Elliot Gonzales, Kyle McCune and Robin Thorne

2. Recommendation to receive a presentation from the Environmental Services Bureau.

Chair Kajer introduced Diko Melkonian, General Superintendent of Operations, who provided the Environmental Services Bureau presentation.

Commissioner Wibroe spoke and a dialogue ensued with Diko Melkonian, General Superintendent of Operations.

Commissioner Berry spoke and a dialogue ensued with Diko Melkonian, General Superintendent of Operations.

Chair Kajer spoke and a dialogue ensued with Diko Melkonian, General Superintendent of Operations.

Commissioner Brennan spoke and a dialogue ensued with Diko Melkonian, General Superintendent of Operations.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Berry, to receive a presentation from the Environmental Services Bureau. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan and Daryl Supernaw

**Excused:** 1 - Joan Greenwood

**Absent:** 3 - Elliot Gonzales, Kyle McCune and Robin Thorne

3. Recommendation to receive an update on Long Beach Park(ing) Day.

Chair Kajer introduced David Magdangal, Landscape Designer, who provided the update on the Long Beach Park(ing) Day.

Chair Kajer spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to receive an update on Long Beach Park(ing) Day. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan and Daryl Supernaw

**Excused:** 1 - Joan Greenwood

**Absent:** 3 - Elliot Gonzales, Kyle McCune and Robin Thorne

4. Recommendation to receive an update on the Laundry to Landscape Graywater Pilot Program.

Chair Kajer introduced David Magdangal, Landscape Designer, who provided the update on the Laundry to Landscape Graywater Pilot Program.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Timothy spoke and a dialogue ensued with Commissioner Supernaw.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

David Magdangal, Landscape Designer, spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Berry, seconded by Commissioner Wibroe, to receive an update on the Laundry to Landscape Graywater Pilot Program. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan and Daryl Supernaw

**Excused:** 1 - Joan Greenwood

**Absent:** 3 - Elliot Gonzales, Kyle McCune and Robin Thorne

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

Tiffany Chen announced:

The next combination meeting of the Sustainable City Commission will be held on November 29, 2012 from 4 to 6 PM.

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Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, announced the following:

The office of Sustainability is pursuing an opportunity for funding to continue the Graywater Program. The goal is to receive enough money to fund 108 additional installations. The funding would potentially be provided by the California State Department of Water Resources.

November 1, 2012 from 6-9:00 PM will be the grand opening event for the Willow Springs Park at Longview Point. The jazz concert will be on top of the hill. It's a good opportunity to see the site in its completed state.

At the end of November the City Council Environmental Committee is planning a meeting - November 27, 2012 at 5:00 PM. Many of the items noted by the Commission will be discussed at the meeting including Low Impact Development; the Urban Forestry Master Plan; an update on AB 811 which is the Pace Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency financing programs through property assessments; and an item on requiring multi-family buildings to have separate water meters for each unit. There is one item that may not make it on the agenda, the Urban Agriculture Policies.

There is a major grant opportunity for the Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Communities Urban Greening Grants. These grants have been applied for and been awarded in the past...the most recent is the funding of the Green Alley Project and the SEADIP Master Planning Effort.

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Commissioner Berry asked about the Harvey Milk Park - what kind of input does the Office of Sustainability have on park design?

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, responded for that particular project, none at all. The promenade project is one of the last that is being completed by Redevelopment and even without input from the Office of Sustainability, a number of projects had storm water retention and infiltration features incorporated through the efforts of the planning and design firms (i.e. Rosa Parks Park). The North Promenade section may have been designed too early for those features to have been included. For Harvey Milk, it may have been completed rapidly through the efforts of the Council office and may not contain some of the features from the Office of Sustainability.

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

Commissioner Wibroe announced:

The Director of Rancho Los Alamitos, Pamela Seager, has invited the Sustainable City Commission to hold a meeting at the facility at anytime - there is an open invitation. They do have some permeable surfaces there at the Rancho where they wash their horses and they have quite a few other sustainable features that will be of interest to the Commission.

Also, on a more personal note, congratulations were extended to Thelinjoris Roberts on her pending marriage, October 29, 2012, returning as Mrs. Manuel.

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Chair Kajer announced the following:

Traveling on the east side of town, many may have noticed some activity on the Loyns Triangle, the property known as the Hitchcock property. There was an unfortunate incident involving bulldozers. That has been resolved with the Coastal Commission. The present activity is now a restoration project. The Los Cerritos Wetlands Landtrust received phone calls regarding what many thought was inappropriate activity; however, the activity is a restoration plan that Mr. Hitchcock is responsible for handling.

Also there is good news with respect to the San Pedro Bay Restoration and Habitat Plan that the City of Long Beach has engaged with the Army Corps of Engineers. There have been questions over federal funding to match the sponsor, that is the City of Long Beach. The City Council just recently approved moving forward with the help of Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, to explore the possibility of a reduced cost for the study and determine how quickly it can move along in the event the Army Corps of Engineers is in a position to accept the project. It's called Three by Three by Three - three years, \$3 million to fit in a three-ring binder. This is very good news and gratifying to know the City Council is endorsing the project.

El Dorado Park is holding a California Native Plant Sale on Saturday, November 10, 2012.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:55 PM, there being no objection, Chair Kajer declared the Sustainable City Commission meeting adjourned.