CITY OF LONG BEACH SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4:00 PM

Susana Gonzalez, Chair Andrea White-Kjoss, Commissioner Gordana Kajer, Commissioner Daryl Supernaw, Vice Chair Jill Brennan, Commissioner



Lisa Wibroe, Commissioner Joan Greenwood, Commissioner Robin Thorne, Commissioner Sera Candela-Grossman, Commissioner Andrew Kincaid, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:12 PM, Vice Chair Supernaw called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator; Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Alfre Vaille, Sustainability Coordinator; Anne Kearby, Executive Assistant; Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

Boardmembers Andrew Kincaid, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan,

Present: Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood, Robin Thorne and Sera

Candela-Grossman

Boardmembers Susana Gonzalez and Andrea White-Kjoss **Absent**:

PUBLIC: Opportunity given to citizens to address the ruling body on non-agenda items within their jurisdiction. (Currently limited to three minutes, unless extended by the Chair) There was no public comment at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 09-0377

Recommendation to receive and file the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, March 26, 2009.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to receive and file the minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, March 26, 2009. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Andrew Kincaid, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood, Robin Thorne and Sera Candela-Grossman

Absent: 2 - Susana Gonzalez and Andrea White-Kjoss

2. 09-0407 Recommendation to receive a report on Earth Week 2009.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, gave a presentation.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, responded to questions.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kincaid, seconded by Commissioner Candela-Grossman, to receive a report on Earth Week 2009. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Andrew Kincaid, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood, Robin Thorne and Sera Candela-Grossman

Absent: 2 - Susana Gonzalez and Andrea White-Kjoss

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Andrew Kincaid, Susana Gonzalez, Gordana Kajer, Daryl

Present: Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood, Robin

Thorne and Sera Candela-Grossman

Boardmembers Andrea White-Kjoss

Absent:

3. 09-0408

Recommendation to approve the Urban Nature Focus Area and incorporate into the Sustainable City Action Plan.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, gave a presentation.

Susana Gonzalez joined the meeting.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, responded to questions.

A dialogue ensued between Larry Rich, Sustainablity Coordinator, and Commissioner Brennan.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Candela-Grossman spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, responded to questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kincaid, seconded by Commissioner Kajer to postpone the item to a future date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Andrew Kincaid, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood, Robin Thorne and Sera Candela-Grossman

Abstain: 1 - Susana Gonzalez

Absent: 1 - Andrea White-Kjoss

4. 09-0409

Recommendation to receive a report on the Draft Water Focus Area related to the Sustainable City Action Plan.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, gave a presentation and responded to questions.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Kincaid spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Wibroe spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, answered questions.

Commissioner Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Candela-Grossman spoke.

Chair Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kincaid, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to receive a report on the Draft Water Focus Area related to the Sustainable City Action Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Andrew Kincaid, Susana Gonzalez, Gordana Kajer, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Lisa Wibroe, Joan Greenwood, Robin Thorne and Sera Candela-Grossman

Absent: 1 - Andrea White-Kjoss

PROGRESS UPDATE

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

A video from ABC Channel 7 news was shown that highlighted Long Beachs' new street sweepers that burn natural gas and use reclaimed water.

Meredith highlighted the events of Earth Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Greenwood announced the annual "Great Los Angeles River Cleanup" happening on May 9th. This will be at two sites: Goldenshore Wetlands and Willow Street Estuary. Commissioner Greenwood also spoke regarding the successful tour of Dominguez Gap.

Commissioner Kajer annouced the weekly Vigil at Loynes and Studebaker on Friday, April 24, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Kincaid thanked Councilmember Suja Lowenthal for inviting the Commission to the Water Tour in May.

Chair Gonzalez announced that she will be resigning from her position as Chair and Commissioner of the Sustainable City Commission to be the new Chief of Staff for newly-elected Councilmember Robert Garcia, due to a conflict of interest. She thanked the Commission for letting her work with them and expressed her appreciation for the Commission.

Larry spoke regarding the June 25, 2009 Sustainable City Commission Meeting being a half-day, off-site retreat to develop a work plan for the next year, and will give the Commission an opportunity to finalize the focus areas before forwarding them to Council. This meeting will be open to members of the public, and the location will be announced at a later date.

Commissioner Supernaw invited Commission members to attend the West County Connector Project meeting where Orange County Transit Authority is planning on closing the 7th Street Bridge into Long Beach for one year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:31 PM, there being no objection, Chair Gonzalez declared the meeting adjourned.