

Lisa Wibroe, Chair
Gordana Kajer, Vice Chair
Rick Berry, Commissioner
Jill Brennan, Commissioner
Elliot Gonzalez, Commissioner
Joan Greenwood, Commissioner



Kyle McCune, Commissioner
Daryl Supernaw, Commissioner
Robin Thorne, Commissioner
Andrea White-Kjoss, Commissioner
Vacant, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Gordana Kajer,

Present: Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

Boardmembers Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Elliot Gonzales

Excused:

Boardmembers Joan Greenwood

Absent:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 10-1255 Recommendation to receive and file a Notice of Adjournment of the November 25, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Sustainable City Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kajer, seconded by Commissioner Berry, to receive and file a Notice of Adjournment of the November 25, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Sustainable City Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

Excused: 3 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Elliot Gonzales

Absent: 1 - Joan Greenwood

2. 10-1256 Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday October 28, 2010.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kajer, seconded by Commissioner McCune, to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday October 28, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

Excused: 3 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Elliot Gonzales

Absent: 1 - Joan Greenwood

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Present: Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

Boardmembers Excused: Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Elliot Gonzales

3. 10-1257 Recommendation to review and approve the draft Green Technology Services Purchasing Policy (Policy) and recommend inclusion of this Policy in the City's Green Purchasing Policy Framework. (Citywide)

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, introduced Monica Noeng, Intern, who assisted in presenting the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Greenwood joined the meeting.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry, seconded by Commissioner White-Kjoss, to approve the recommendation to review and approve the draft Green Technology Services Purchasing Policy (Policy) and recommend inclusion of this Policy in the City's Green Purchasing Policy Framework. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

Excused: 3 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Elliot Gonzales

4. 10-1260 Recommendation to forward a report on Urban Agriculture Ordinances to the appropriate City Council Committee for their consideration.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the staff report.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

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Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

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Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Berry, to forward a report on Urban Agriculture Ordinances to the appropriate City Council Committee for their consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

Excused: 3 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Elliot Gonzales

5. 10-1258 Recommendation to receive an update on Senate Bill 375 and the City's regional efforts. **(Oral Report)**

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the staff report.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kajer, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to receive an update on Senate Bill 375 and the City's regional efforts. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

Excused: 3 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Elliot Gonzales

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, announced the birth of his second daughter, Freya. Freya was born on October 29, 2010. The home birth was a good experience and mother and daughter are very well.

A dialogue regarding the new addition to the family ensued between Chair Wibroe and Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, gave an update on the home mulch delivery program. Information will be posted on the website for the public to access on Friday, December 3, 2010.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, announced the following:

Southern California Edison (SCE) awarded the City a grant for \$886,000. The grant is for a Utility Management Software System. This grant is important based on the population of the City of Long Beach as the software will enable the tracking of real time energy use data, real time water use data and real time greenhouse gas emissions data. The data will help to manage the City's facilities from an energy efficiency perspective and see which buildings are the biggest users; to have shovel ready projects, and prepare and compete for future grants.

The Sustainable City Staff is also paying attention to the Los Angeles County Plastic Bag Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Ordinance. There will be City Council members bringing items forward. The Sustainable City staff and staff from Development Services will be involved.

Steve Scott, Technology Services, has been intergral in helping the City intiate a new project called PC Power Management. It is a centralized software system that is 100

percent rebateable by SCE. It enables the City to have different levels of control of the computers. It will provide automatic hibernating devices and automatic devices to shut down the computer which will save the City energy and money. These things are happening behind the scenes but are having a great impact on the City's energy bill at the end of the year.

The Energy Efficiency contest has ended and the names of the grand prize winners and runners-up from each of the council districts will be announced on December 2, 2010. The winners will be invited to a meeting to understand the roles of each group to install their device or work with a contractor. The goal is to help the winners have the installations done by Earth Week 2011 to highlight their success stories.

Chair Wibroe asked for an update on the rain barrel program.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, responded by saying there is a waiting list for the rain barrel program with about 70 names. Data is still being collected from the initial 100 recipients. Reminders are still being sent to the current recipients to track their use.

Chair Wibroe spoke about her own personal use of the rain barrel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Berry asked for an update on the approved street tree list.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, responded by saying the approved street tree list has been around since 2007 and an internal team has been put together to create a more comprehensive street tree list. There are also individuals from Development Services who are participating in the initial stage of taking a look at an urban forestry plan.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Berry and Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, regarding the street tree list.

Commissioner White-Kjoss requested an update on the Breakwater Press Conference.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, responded that there was a Breakwater press conference where the Federal Government and City of Long Beach agreed that there would be a study. A second study will be done to determine what happens next with the Breakwater. There are possibilities that nothing may happen or changes could be made. More information will be provided later by the Sustainable City Staff.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer added a comment regarding the Feasibility Study. As an eager and interested audience member during the ceremony, Vice Chair Kajer added it is not a

Breakwater Study. It is a restoration of the San Pedro Bay Ecosystem. It is a huge acknowledgement that the ecosystem is damaged. It is not a question of simple clean water or the results of the Los Angeles River dumping it's garbage & pollution in our river and on our beaches. It is not simply a sand restoration issue for the peninsula, it is not simply a question of dealing with federal property that has been left over from the Naval presence in the City for the last 60 years. It is an Ecosystem Study. It is the launch of the City's partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers in a way that is completely unprecedented in the history of the Corps Recognizance and Feasibility Studies where the local partner paid for the Recognizance Study. The City participated in a way that is completely unprecedented. There may not be results for some time but it is a huge success on the part of the environment.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner White-Kjoss commented on the building of the new Gerald Desmond Bridge. All along the process has taken 8 to 10 years. There have been comments and directions given by CalTrans to the Port of Long Beach that bicycle and pedestrian facilities are a desired and required part of the build out of the bridge. Unfortunately, the bicycle portion of the process is now scheduled as an option to the Request For Proposal (RFP). The bicycle and pedestrian facilities that are currently on the bridge, which are a required part of CalTrans' directive, are at risk. The 6,000 plus people that live and work on Terminal Island will not have the same access they did before connecting with the coastal trail all the way down the beautiful coast. A group of people are actively trying to get that put into the RFP for design build. This is a once in four or five generations issue and extremely important for everyone to be aware of and get involved, if possible, to create an iconic bicycle and pedestrian facility through the City of Long Beach's Green Port. It's important to ensure that at a minimum there is the same access for all, including ADA, that is presently in place. More importantly this is an opportunity to create something unique and special to the City of Long Beach and a gateway for bicyclist across the Port.

Chair Wibroe suggested making a motion and possibly voting on the issue.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner White-Kjoss and Chair Wibroe regarding a motion to discuss the information on the Gerald Desmond Bridge at a future Sustainable City Commission meeting.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, responded to the question about staff providing information regarding the Gerald Desmond Bridge at a future Sustainable City Commission meeting.

Chair Wibroe stated it is relative since the City of Long Beach reports to be the bicycle city.

Commissioner White-Kjoss also pointed out that the process is largely being driven by the Port of Long Beach as a public facility and the rebuilding of the bridge is essentially for the Port to bring larger boats into the Port of Long Beach and the funding is not in large part being brought by the Port itself, but by state & federal funds in large part. This is an important piece of infrastructure for the public to be involved with, not only maintaining a facility but decreasing the level of access for all users.

Chair Wibroe commissioned the Sustainable Staff to research the information.

Commissioner White-Kjoss decided to make a motion for the Sustainable City Commission to support the inclusion of class one bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the Gerald Desmond Bridge by way of a vote at a future meeting.

Chair Wibroe acknowledged the motion and requested a second.

Vice Chair Kajer seconded the motion and made a comment reminding people that the Port of Long Beach is a department of the City of Long Beach. Harbor Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and is not an entity outside of the City of Long Beach. These are people who are in the public service of the City of Long Beach and public servants representing the views of the citizens as well as business interests.

Chair Wibroe asked the Commissioners to cast their votes for the motion made by Commissioner White-Kjoss.

Commissioner Brennan asked Sustainable City Commission Staff (SCC Staff) to find out if there is any way the Commission can meet in various district locations in 2011 to make the meeting more accessible to local residents.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, responded.

Commissioner McCune spoke about Southern California Edison (SCE) installing new Smart Meters. He participated in a survey and found out that new transmitters will be installed. So far for the Commissioner, they are not working properly. He will update the Commission at a future meeting.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer asked about the plastic bag ban initiated by Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal for the City of Long Beach. The Vice Mayor is encouraging residents who support a plastic bag ban to visit the City Council meeting on December 7, 2010. Is it possible to better understand how this subject is going directly to City Council before being brought before the Commission? The normal understanding is that it would be brought before an

Environmental Committee first before being forwarded to the City Council.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, responded that the SCC Staff will find out the answer to Commissioner Kajer's question. Further, the agenda for the Environmental Committee is set by the Chair who in this case is Vice Mayor Lowenthal.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke regarding the process.

Vice Chair Kajer made an announcement on behalf of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust, who are in the process of developing a series of nature walks on the Los Cerritos Wetlands beginning Saturday December 11, 2010. The first walk will be on publicly owned land swap property that the City of Long Beach now owns. The walk will be led by two gentlemen involved with a firm entitled Tidal Influence. Taylor Parker & Eric Zahn are marine biologists and wetland specialists who will be taking the members and interested public on the walks.

Vice Chair Kajer also announced that the California Coastal Commission, as of Friday November 19, 2010, has determined the land scraping that took place on Loynes & Studebaker was indeed a crime. It violated the California Coastal Act and the gentleman who owns the land will now be responsible for restoring the land. Restorations and requirements being set forth for his permit to cap a methane leak on his property is being held to the highest standards. The wetlands restoration will take approximately five years.

Chair Wibroe responded regarding Vice Mayor Lowenthal's timing of initiating the plastic bag ban for the City of Long Beach. Los Angeles is moving forward on the ban which would cut cost for the City of Long Beach to initiate it all together.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Berry made a motion to adjourn.

At 5:05 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Wibroe declared the meeting adjourned.