

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 4:01 P. M., Vice Chair Kajer called the Sustainable City Commission meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Present: Daryl Supernaw, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Boardmembers Excused: Lisa Wibroe

Boardmembers Absent: Robin Thorne

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant; and Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk Typist III.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 11-0294 Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Supernaw, seconded by Commissioner Berry, to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, January 27, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Daryl Supernaw, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Excused: 1 - Lisa Wibroe

Absent: 1 - Robin Thorne

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Present: Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Boardmembers Absent: Lisa Wibroe

Absent:

2. 11-0295 Recommendation to acknowledge kW Engineering as a Long Beach Green Business. (Oral Report).

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, introduce Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw made a motion to move item 2 forward to the end of the agenda.

Commissioner Brennan seconded the motion to move item 2 forward to the end of the agenda.

3. 11-0296 Recommendation to receive an update on the Downtown Bike Lane Project. (Oral Report)

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Sumire Gant, Traffic Programs Officer, spoke.

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Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Berry, to approve the recommendation to receive an update on the Downtown Bike Lane Project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Excused: 1 - Lisa Wibroe

4. 11-0297 Recommendation to receive a report on the proposed Graywater Pilot Project. (Oral Report)

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the Graywater Pilot Project PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer came back to agenda item 2 and introduced Tiffany Chen.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to approve the recommendation to receive a report on the proposed Graywater Pilot Project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Absent: 1 - Lisa Wibroe

11-0295 Recommendation to acknowledge kW Engineering as a Long Beach Green Business. (Oral Report).

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, introduced and acknowledged kW Engineering as a Long Beach Green Business. (Matt Zwiesler, Engineer; David Gilliland, Senior Engineer, P.E.; Phil Jordan, Engineer, P.E.; and Antonio Huizar, Project Manager, P.E.)

Matt Zwiesler, Engineer, kW Engineering, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Matt Zwiesler, Engineer, kW Engineering, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Kajer and Matt Zwiesler, Engineer, kW Engineering.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner Thorne spoke.

Matt Zwiesler, Engineer, kW Engineering, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry, seconded by Commissioner White-Kjoss, to approve the recommendation to acknowledge kW Engineering as a Long Beach Green Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Absent: 1 - Lisa Wibroe

5. 11-0298 Recommendation to receive an update on Earthweek 2011 activities and the 2010/11 Green Progress Report. (Oral Report)

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, introduced Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant, who provided an update on the Earth Week 2011 activities.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gonzalez and Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke and asked for a motion to approve the item. Commissioner Greenwood moved to approve.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the 2010/2011 Green Progress Report.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Berry, to approve the recommendation to receive an update on Earthweek 2011 activities and the 2010/11 Green Progress Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Absent: 1 - Lisa Wibroe

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Greenwood thanked Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, and his bioneers for helping at Cressa Park. Cressa Park is a volunteer effort to establish an all native green belt in the Wrigley District. Because of the rain, there was an incredible flourishing of weeds and the young kids worked very, very hard; filling 70 trash bags with weeds. Only a third of the site has been completed. There are still several piles and community volunteers will continue on Sunday, March 26, 2011. Of all the volunteer youth groups, these bioneers are by far the best; some remained until 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Supernaw had two announcements:

The first, there is a planning meeting tonight regarding Orizaba Park at Lee Elementary School on Temple, south of PCH. There has already been a groundbreaking...everyone should attend and voice their opinion.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded regarding Orizaba Park. Erika Martin, Redevelopment Administrative Analyst, will be leading the meeting on behalf of staff. The groundbreaking was for the park and the design meeting is for the community building which has not yet been designed but has received grant funding from the state.

Commissioner Supernaw continued by saying this is the type of thing where a lot of folks will attend for the groundbreaking...this is really where you need the community input. Years ago, according to Commissioner Supernaw, that piece of property still had the railroad tracks on it and a box car sitting there, so this is a great improvement.

The next item mentioned by Commissioner Supernaw is the Orange County Transportation Authority CalTrans Project to demolish the 7th Street Bridge. By the time of the next Sustainable City Commission meeting that bridge will have been down for about ten days. This is incredibly impactful for the Fourth, Third & Fifth Districts. The car miles traveled on a daily basis because of the detours will be between 30,000 and 150,000 miles per day; a huge impact.

And finally, Commissioner Supernaw once again congratulated kW Engineering.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke regarding the Gerald Desmond Bridge. The Bike & Pedestrian Path has been stated as a required part of the Gerald Desmond Bridge redesign and construction. The RFPs that go out will have sections that require the design team to include that as apart of the project. That became a required part of the project last Monday, March 21, 2011 at the Harbor Commission meeting, where a couple of the leaders in this movement for the Bike & Pedestrian Path on the Gerald Desmond Bridge spoke one more time. It was a very significant event as just two days after the ruling, the leader of that movement, Mark Bixby, passed away in a plane crash in Long Beach. A memorial ride will be held on Friday March 25, 2011 starting at Leeway Sailing Center beginning at 8 a.m. and riding to the top of the Gerald Desmond Bridge for a celebration of Mark's life. It will be a wonderful ride to share the dream of all people being able to use the bridge instead of just auto drivers.

Commissioner Greenwood made another announcement about a meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at Silverado Park. The AQMD and the West Long Beach Association in the 7th District Council office will be doing a presentation on zero emission vehicles and they will have a zero emission truck there for people to see. After doing research on the internet, it was surprising to find that a local firm, Vision Motors, does have a heavy duty truck out there that has passed its second stage testing and is now going into pre-production and our ports will be evaluating them as cargo hauling trucks. They are cheaper to operate than natural gas powered or diesel trucks, they also operate more quietly and they have a range of 150 to 400 miles. They make a very viable argument for perhaps not expanding those troublesome rail yards that have been polluting the Westside schools.

Commissioner Gonzalez announced the 3rd Annual Green Long Beach Festival. For those unfamiliar with the event, it is a grass roots event meant to bring together businesses, non-profits, city agencies and various other government agencies to celebrate one of the common missions which is to create a greener life style or greener City. Sponsors are needed so if anyone is interested please go to GreenLB.org for more information. Everyone is highly encouraged to participate. The event will be held on June 11, 2011 and it will be powered by the sun and wind...designed to highlight a local green economy and life style, promote health and wellness as well as the arts and entertainment.

For those interested in planting drought tolerant and native style plants, Vice Chair Kajer announced the Long Beach City College Horticulture Program will have their annual plant sale the week before Easter, April 20-23, 2011. It is the time of year to get plants at a very reasonable cost. They will help take the plants to the car.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:16 P. M., there being no objection, Vice Chair Kajer declared the meeting adjourned.