CITY OF LONG BEACH SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER PLAZA LEVEL - CITY HALL 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 4:00 PM

Gordana Kajer, Chair Lisa Wibroe, 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

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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Commissioners Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan, Elliot

Present: Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kyle McCune and Daryl Supernaw

Commissioners Robin Thorne and Andrea White-Kjoss

Absent:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS

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ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan, Elliot

Present: Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kyle McCune, Daryl Supernaw and

Robin Thorne

Commissioners Andrea White-Kjoss

Absent:

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1. 12-005SC

Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City

Commission meeting of Thursday, January 26, 2012.

Chair Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner McCune, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Jill Brennan, Elliot Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kyle McCune, Daryl Supernaw and Robin Thorne

Abstain: 1 - Rick Berry

Absent: 1 - Andrea White-Kjoss

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2. <u>12-006SC</u> Recommendation to acknowledge Yellow 108. (Oral Report)

Chair Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Greenwood, to hold the item for consideration at the next meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Andrea White-Kjoss

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3. <u>12-007SC</u> Recommendation to receive a report on Energy Upgrade California.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles, provided a presentation on the Energy Upgrade California.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Vice Chair Wibroe spoke.

Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Wibroe and Jean Cheng, LEED

AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles, spoke.

Commissioner Thorne spoke.

Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Greenwood and Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Brennan and Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Kajer and Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Jean Cheng, LEED AP BD+C, Project Manager, Energy Coalition and County of Los Angeles, spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Greenwood, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan, Elliot Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kyle McCune, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Andrea White-Kjoss

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan, Elliot Present: Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kyle McCune, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Andrea White-Kioss

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4. <u>12-008SC</u>

Recommendation to receive a report on the City's Urban Agriculture Policy.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the City's Urban Agriculture Policy report.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Wibroe spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner McCune spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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

Vice Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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

Commissioner McCune spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion to agendize a discussion on an urban landscape for edible elements on public property; however, the recommendation was not included on the agenda.

Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk, directed the motion to Chair Kajer who then requested a vote from the Commissioners.

Motion: Approve the recommendation to include an agenda item for the March 22, 2012 meeting to discuss a community edible landscape. NOTE: This motion and vote is not sustained due to a discussion and action taken on a subject not included on the February 23, 2012 agenda. Moved by Gonzales, seconded by Wibroe.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Vote: Approve the recommendation to include an agenda item for the March 22, 2012 meeting to discuss a community edible landscape. NOTE: This motion and vote is not sustained due to a discussion and action taken on a subject not included on the February 23, 2012 agenda. (Carried 10-0)

Yes: Kajer, Wibroe, Berry, Brennan, Gonzales, Greenwood, McCune, Supernaw, Thorne, and White-Kjoss.

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

After the vote Commissioners Greenwood, Thorne and White-Kjoss left the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry, seconded by Commissioner White-Kjoss, to approve the recommendation to receive the report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan, Elliot Gonzales, Joan Greenwood, Kyle McCune, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne and Andrea White-Kjoss

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5. <u>12-009SC</u>

Recommendation to receive a report on the City's Port of Long Beach Green House Gas Mitigation Grant Applications.

Chair Kajer introduced Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, who provided the City's Port of Long Beach Green House Mitigation Grant Applications report.

White-Kjoss left the meeting.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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

Vice Chair Wibroe spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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

Commissioner McCune spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, and

Commissioner Brennan.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCune, seconded by Vice Chair Wibroe, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Rick Berry, Jill Brennan, Elliot Gonzales, Kyle McCune and Daryl Supernaw

Absent: 3 - Joan Greenwood, Robin Thorne and Andrea White-Kjoss

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

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Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, announced the following:

The Office of Sustainability staff is pursing a \$5,000 grant through a company called EcoMedia that channels corporate donations to civic projects. The project is an enhancement of the edible garden in the Civic Center to create vertical garden elements. The plants will be grown on the fence for the public to have access to the food. This project will have to go before the City Council for approval and hopefully it will be ready by Earth Week which is in April.

Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant, announced the following:

Earth Week will begin on April 22, 2012 and Arbor Day will be on April 29, 2012. The City of Long Beach will celebrate Earth Week April 21-30, 2012. A list of activities and events is forthcoming. The Office of Sustainability staff is working with the Environmental Services Bureau and the Long Beach Water Department to host an Earth Week event Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 10 -3 p.m. Composting workshops will be available, as well as landscaping and drought tolerant landscaping classes; and there will be free mulch given away to residents. There will also be a kids zone to learn about composting, mulching, and other activities.

Vice Chair Wibroe asked a question regarding the recipients of the food grown in the edible garden at the Civic Center.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, responded that the recipients are the garden workers and their families. Passersby are given access but if there is an excess then the food is donated to a local food bank.

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

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regarding the	e Civic Cente	er edible (garden	and how	/ it is	maintained.

Commissioner McCune asked a question regarding the location of the Earth Week event.

Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant, responded that the location has not yet been confirmed, however, staff is considering hosting the event at a park in Long Beach - hopefully Whaley Park.

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Chair Kajer spoke about the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust events planned in the month of March 2012. The events are proactive planning for southeast Long Beach to preserve and protect the wetlands. On Saturday, March 3, 2012, there will be a meeting at the Golden Sails Hotel on Pacific Coast Highway open to the community and to the public - professionally staffed and mediated by an outside firm whose specialty is planning and faciliation and communiation with the community to get information to the decision makers. The intent of the meeting is to plan for Planning. The idea is to better understand what the community would expect from the Planning process and how to participate. Dr. Joy Zedler, world renown Specialist in Wetlands Restoration, will be a quest at the General Election meeting on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

Everyone is invited to the Naples Rib Company, Tuesday, February 28, 2012 which is a fundraiser for the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust which will receive 20 percent of each purchase.

Vice Chair Wibroe announced that there is a prefab-model home on display on Seaside Way near the Convention Center until Saturday, February 25, 2012. It is a LEED home.

Also, there is a wood work shop at the Convention Center. It is for builders and designers interested in working with sustainable wood.

Commissioner Brennan announced the Solar Grand Prix will be held April 21, 2012 for teens at El Dorado Park in the soccer field. There are 150 junior and high school teams that will be participating.

Commissioner Gonzalez commended the Office of Sustainability staff for their hard work

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and dedication in restoring the landscape of the Civic Center.

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At 5:58 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Kajer declared the City of Long Beach Sustainable City Commission meeting adjourned.