

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 AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:02 P.M., Chair Wibroe called the Sustainable City Commission meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Lisa Wibroe, Daryl Supernaw, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood,

Present: Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Boardmembers Robin Thorne and Andrea White-Kjoss

Absent:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 11-0515 Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, April 28, 2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kajer, seconded by Commissioner McCune, to approve the recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, April 28, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Robin Thorne and Andrea White-Kjoss

SECOND ROLL-CALL

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

Boardmembers Absent: Robin Thorne

2. 11-0517 Recommendation to receive a report on 1st & Loma Low Impact Development Best Management Practice Installation. (Oral Report)

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the staff report.

White-Kjoss joined the meeting.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Berry spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Commissioner McCune spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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

Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to approve the recommendation to receive a report on 1st & Loma Low Impact Development Best Management Practice Installation. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Robin Thorne

3. 11-0518 Recommendation to receive an update on the 2010 - 2011 Green Progress Report. (Oral Report)

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the staff report.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

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

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner McCune spoke.

Commissioner White-Kjoss spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Kajer, to approve the recommendation to receive an update on the 2010-2011 Green Progress Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Robin Thorne

4. 11-0519 Recommendation to hold an election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Chair Wibroe asked for a nomination for Chair of the Sustainable City Commission. There being no show of hands or nominations made, Chair Wibroe nominated Vice Chair Kajer as Chair of the Sustainable City Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berry.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke and asked all to cast their vote for the new Chair of the Sustainable City Commission.

Gordana Kajer was elected Chair of the Sustainable City Commission by unanimous vote.

Vice Chair Kajer nominated Chair Wibroe as the new Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brennan.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Chair Wibroe called for a vote. Chair Wibrow was elected the new Vice Chair for the Sustainable City Commission by unanimous vote.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Berry to nominate Gordana Kajer as the new Chair of the Sustainable City Commission. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kajer, seconded by Commissioner Brennan to nominate Lisa Wibroe as the new Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Robin Thorne

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, introduced Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant, who announced the following:

A key factor in successfully implementing the Sustainable City Action Plan is public education and community outreach. There are a few upcoming community events:

Sunday, May 29, 2011 the Green Team will be representing the Sustainable City office by attending the Really, Really Free Day from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Elm Street between 3rd & 4th Street. There will be free give-aways.

Saturday, June 4, 2011 the Sustainable City Staff will be attending the New City Urban Farms first anniversary celebration from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 11, 2011 the Sustainable City Staff, the Water Department and other City departments will participate in the Green Long Beach Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There will be outreach programs throughout the summer months.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke regarding the next Sustainable City

Commission Retreat. The retreat will be at an off-site location; however, the public will still be invited. At the last meeting a few ideas were stated as to a location to hold the meeting; the Nature Center, Rancho Los Alamitos, and Colorado Lagoon. Staff looked at all possibilities and came up with another location known by various names - the former Sports Park Site, Hill Top Property, and California Gardens; the 48-acre City owned property north of Willow and south of Spring, east of California and west of Orange. In the past the office has been involved in developing a small portion of the site to be a mulch yard and an urban farm. Staff will be working the site with the Youth workers during the month of June. It would be a good opportunity for the Commissioners to tour the site and have the retreat at that location. The retreat would remain within the regular Commission meeting time slot, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be two items on the agenda, the tour and then a discussion on the Sustainable City Work Plan. If it is decided that the site is not a good location, the site tour will proceed and another location will be identified for Staff and the Commissioners to discuss the Work Plan. The address of the property is 2702 California Avenue which is at the intersection of California and 27th Street. There is a gate and parking will be inside the gate and there will be a tent set up for the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw announced the following:

As a follow-up to Larry Rich's comments, the tentative site for the Retreat has another name, the BMX Bicycle Racing Course.

Request of Staff to agendaize a tree policy specific to the Lawn and Garden Program. Commissioner Supernaw received a telephone call a couple weeks ago and was put on the spot with a question regarding the Lawn and Garden Program which includes chopping down mature healthy trees. LB Report and the Naples Patch reported on the policy and it came up over a tree in Belmont Shore. The tree was saved; however the part that the Commissioners need to emphasize from a Commission's standpoint is whether or not the policy has been endorsed. So an agendaized item to discuss the tree policy is requested.

There is not a formal response from the Water Department but in one response the Garden Center Program does not require or even encourage residents to remove trees from their yards and parkways. This type of decision is solely at the discretion of the resident. The definitive study and cost benefits analysis of the urban forest was done for Santa Monica in 2001 by UC Davis. It's a 45 page report that found that for every \$1.00 spent on curb and sidewalk repair, \$1.62 was returned in benefits. City Council has made it clear that trees are more important than sidewalks and curbs. If the Water

Department has a different policy it should be addressed by the Sustainable City Commission.

Chair Wibroe spoke regarding the Tree Commission meeting.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke regarding the Tree Committee who advise the Public Works Department.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded regarding the Tree Committee and their policy and revamping the list of approved street trees across the City. There are a multitude of lists, depending on the jurisdiction within the City. The Port of Long Beach has their own approved list of trees because those trees serve a specific environmental purpose related to the reduction of pollution. Those trees may be completely different and inappropriate in a residential area. There are different trees for parks than for right-of-ways. The goal is to consolidate all of the lists and update them and make a standard recommended list so everyone can participate and benefit. Development Services will look into interfacing the Commission with the work of the Water Department and the Tree Committee that is charged by Public Works. The Urban Forest Master Plan is also apart of the Public Works Department that will be consolidated and address these issues.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke regarding the Lawn and Garden Program.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Supernaw and Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, regarding the Tree Committee and the Approved Street List.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked a question regarding adding an item to the agenda.

Chair Wibroe responded.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wibroe and Commissioner Gonzalez.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked about making a motion.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, explained the process of making a motion.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked a question regarding adding an item to the agenda and a dialogue ensued with Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, regarding the Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, explained there was an agenda item that was an information only item regarding the Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance that was going before the City Council. The Sustainable City Commission was interested in taking a position on the issue. The Clerk didn't allow the change in the recommendation because it was for information only. The process for taking a subject to City Council was reiterated and explained that the Commission is an advisory body and can forward advice. There was not enough time to get it on the City Council agenda. In lieu of being able to follow that process, it was pointed out that individual Commissioners could lobby their Council person to make their position known.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez directed attention to the Clerk.

Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk, read for the record a statement made by Vice Chair Kajer at the April 28, 2011 Sustainable City Commission meeting during the segment of Announcements & Comments From Sustainable City Commissioners.

Chair Wibroe announced that on Saturday, June 4, 2011 the 6th & 7th District, Wrigley Is Going Green, Wrigley River Run and a myriad of other great organizations will be hosting a clean-up. On June 11, 2011 there is a Wrigley River Run that includes children and adults so if anyone would like to volunteer for the clean-up, please meet at 8:00 a.m. at the corner of 25th & Pacific Street.

Commissioner Greenwood announced:

In San Diego at the Headwaters to Ocean Conference one of the topics was beach bacteria and there was a very interesting luncheon speaker there who was looking at the impacts of the ocean level increases which are happening. We're at the bottom of a geological period and regardless of what we do the ocean levels are going to be rising. The speaker spoke of the planning already in place in the Monterey area regarding what you can start to do now to prepare for 150 years from now when much of the infrastructure in homes will suffer if a program is not implemented. Commissioner Greenwood would like to see the Sustainable City Commission have a report at a future

meeting. Commissioner Greenwood gave a report on storm water and some of the impact on the upcoming permittees, one of which is the City of Long Beach.

Commissioner Greenwood suggested including what the City of Long Beach has done in terms of being a leader in storm water clean-up on the Green Progress Report Map.

The other topic for a future Sustainable City agenda is the Wetlands Restoration Project in North Long Beach, the DeForest Wetlands. The Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance held the 4th Annual Tour of the Dominguez Gap Wetlands. There is a decrease in the annuals and the perennials are beautiful but they are not seen and conjecture is the County has a contract in the amount of about \$13,000 per month for a private contractor to care for it. The contractor takes the annuals and pulls them out before they seed. There is a need to train contract landscapers so hopefully the City will consider the graduates of the Youth Workers Program. Perhaps the maintenance of the projects could be part of the job training program.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner White-Kjoss announced the departure of two prominent and nationally known leaders in the Bicycle Program; Sumire Gant, Traffic Programs Officer, will be retiring as of June 1, 2011 and Charles "Charlie" Gandy, Mobility Coordinator, whose position is funded through the Los Angeles Department of Public Health, will come to the end of his time with the City at the end of June. Both individuals have been extremely instrumental in the success of the Bicycle Program and the leadership of Long Beach in the past three years. Allan Crawford will now be the point of contact as he will take over the assignments of Sumire Gant.

Also the City of Long Beach has been selected as the host City for Pro-Walk Pro-Bike in September of 2012. Pro-Walk Pro-Bike is an international conference held every two years for practitioners of walking and biking programs. It is a huge conference with 1,000 or more people visiting Long Beach. Thanks goes to Charlie Gandy, Mobility Coordinator, who was extremely instrumental in bringing in the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the City of Long Beach and Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, along with private sector companies who helped to sponsor the program. This is a major win and will expand the conversation and further our leadership in the mobility world.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner Brennan spoke regarding an issue of sustainability to look at the tree-trimming policies in the City for the trees, bees and birds. The tree trimming practice right now at the height of nesting and blooming season is killing a lot of blossoms, taking

away a lot of bees and killing a lot birds.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked if an item can be added to the agenda for the Retreat to review the procedures to agendize items to help stay on top of issues before they reach City Council. The Plastic Bag Ban issue was something that everyone felt unanimously the Commission should have been able to address. Commissioner Gonzalez requested training on the procedures and proper terms in acting as a body.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez once again invited the public and the Commissioners to attend the Green Long Beach Festival. It has been officially proclaimed as Green Long Beach Day by Mayor Bob Foster.

Commissioner Supernaw responded to Commissioner Gonzalez by suggesting he request a copy of the by-laws and review the video of the January 2011 Sustainable City Commission meeting to see the presentation regarding the procedures.

Vice Chair Kajer suggested Staff prepare an item on the agenda regarding the Brown Act.

Chair Wibroe spoke and a dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Kajer and Chair Wibroe.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:25 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Wibroe declared the meeting adjourned.