CITY OF LONG BEACH SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 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

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:05 P.M., Chair Kajer called the Sustainable City Commission meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Jill Brennan, Elliot Gonzales, Joan

Present: Greenwood, Kyle McCune and Daryl Supernaw

Commissioners Rick Berry and Andrea White-Kjoss

Excused:

Commissioners Robin Thorne

Absent:

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant; Pat Garrow, Planner; Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent; and Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk Typist III.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 12-001SC Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, October 27, 2011.

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: 5 - Daryl Supernaw, Lisa Wibroe, Gordana Kajer, Kyle McCune

and Elliot Gonzales

Abstain: 2 - Jill Brennan and Joan Greenwood

Excused: 2 - Andrea White-Kjoss and Rick Berry

Absent: 1 - Robin Thorne

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gordana Kajer, Lisa Wibroe, Jill Brennan, Elliot Gonzales, Joan

Present: Greenwood, Kyle McCune, Daryl Supernaw and Robin Thorne

Commissioners Rick Berry and Andrea White-Kjoss

Excused:

2. 12-002SC Recommendation to acknowledge The Long Beach Depot for Creative Reuse. (Oral Report)

Chair Kajer spoke.

Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant, introduced Lisa Hernandez and Yoshino Jassu, Owners, The Long Beach Depot for Creative Resue, who accepted the Certificate of Acknowledgement as a Long Beach Green Business.

Lisa Hernandez, Owner, The Long Beach Depot for Creative Reuse, spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Kajer and Lisa Hernandez, Owner, The Long Beach Depot for Creative Reuse.

Commissioner Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Tiffany Chen spoke and there was a photo shoot and certificate presentation.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Greenwood, 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

Excused: 2 - Rick Berry and Andrea White-Kjoss

3. 12-003SC Recommendation to receive a report on the Expanded Street Tree List.

Pat Garrow, Planner, provided the staff report.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Pat Garrow, Planner, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Kajer and Pat Garrow, Planner.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Pat Garrow, Planner, spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, 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

Excused: 2 - Rick Berry and Andrea White-Kjoss

4. 12-004SC Recommendation to receive a report on the City's Street Tree Policy.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Street Tree Policy.

Commissioner Wibroe spoke.

Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Greenwood and Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent.

Commissioner Brennan spoke.

Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Brennan and Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent.

Commissioner Thorne spoke.

Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent, spoke.

Commissioner McCune spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Supernaw and Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent, spoke.

Chair Kajer spoke.

Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Kajer and Arthur Cox, Public Works Superintendent.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Wibroe, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, 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

Excused: 2 - Rick Berry and Andrea White-Kjoss

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, announced the following:

Staff has been engaged in working on several grant applications to submit for a Port of Long Beach Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Grant. The Port of Long Beach is making five million dollars available to the port impacted communities of Long Beach and surrounding areas. The grant money will help to realize several of the goals in the Sustainable City Action Plan. The deadline is February 16, 2012.

Staff is continuing to work on the Urban Agriculture Policy Research. A report will be prepared for the City Council and the Environmental Committee in March 2012. A preview of the report will be forwarded to the Sustainable City Commission at the February 23, 2012 meeting.

There will be an Energy Upgrade California Workshop, January 26, 2012 at the Expo building in Bixby Knolls, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. This meeting will be the kick-off of the program in Long Beach where there will be a meet and greet panel of contractors available to answer questions and explain the available services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Supernaw asked a question regarding the Environmental Committee.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, responded.

Commissioner Thorne asked a question regarding the energy upgrade.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator responded.

Commissioner Gonzalez asked to add an item to the next meeting agenda. The Green Long Beach Festival will be held on June 9, 2012 at the Promenade. Is it possible to have the Commissioners participate with the festival?

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, responded.

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Chair Kajer thanked Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, for graciously attending a Belmont Heights Community Association meeting and updating the group on the activities of the Office of Sustainability. Larry spoke on the Laundry to Landscape Program and Water Conservation Program. It was very well received by the community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:00 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Kajer declared the Sustainable City Commission meeting adjourned.