

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

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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Boardmembers Present: Lisa Wibroe, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Gordana Kajer, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Boardmembers Absent: Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood and Rick Berry

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. [11-0400](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant made a request to move item number two to the end of the meeting; the recipient of the award was not yet present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Supernaw, seconded by Commissioner McCune, to approve the recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday, March 24, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Gordana Kajer, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Abstain: 1 - Lisa Wibroe

Absent: 4 - Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood and Rick Berry

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3. [11-0402](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report on the proposed Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance. (Oral Report)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, provided the staff report.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer made a motion to change the agenda item to receive and file into an action item.

Commissioner Gonzalez seconded the motion to change the item to receive and file into an action item.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk, spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion to receive and file the report on the proposed Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance and place an item on the next agenda to discuss and vote on the specifics of the Ordinance.

Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk, spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer made a substitute motion suggesting that each Commissioner communicate directly with their City Council person explaining his/her position on the report before the next City Council meeting.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Theelinjoris Roberts, Clerk, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wibroe and Theelinjoris Roberts, Clerk.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Vice Chair Kajer, to approve the recommendation to receive and file a report on the proposed Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lisa Wibroe, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Gordana Kajer, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Absent: 4 - Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan, Joan Greenwood and Rick Berry

SECOND ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Lisa Wibroe, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Joan Greenwood,
Present: Gordana Kajer, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Boardmembers Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan and Rick Berry

Absent:

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4. [11-0403](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report on Earth Week 2011 Activities and National Arbor Day. (Oral Report)

Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant, provided the staff report.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

John Briscoe, Long Beach resident, spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kajer, seconded by Commissioner Gonzales, to approve the recommendation to receive and file a report on Earth Week 2011 Activities and National Arbor Day. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lisa Wibroe, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Absent: 3 - Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan and Rick Berry

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2. [11-0401](#)

Recommendation to acknowledge Kress Market as a Long Beach Green Business. (Oral Report)

Tiffany Chen, Sustainability Assistant, introduced Javier and Hilda Ortiz, Owner of Kress Market, who spoke regarding the acknowledgement as a Long Beach Green Business.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Javier Ortiz, Owner of Kress Market, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wibroe and Javier Ortiz, Owner of Kress Market.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Javier Ortiz, Owner of Kress Market, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Kajer and Mr. Ortiz, Owner of Kress Market.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Javier Ortiz, Owner of Kress Market, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to approve the recommendation to acknowledge Kress Market as a Long Beach Green Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lisa Wibroe, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Absent: 3 - Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan and Rick Berry

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5. [11-0404](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on the 2010-11 Green Progress Report. (Oral Report)

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kajer, seconded by Commissioner Greenwood, to approve the recommendation to receive and file an update on the 2010-11 Green Progress Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lisa Wibroe, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Joan Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Absent: 3 - Andrea White-Kjoss, Jill Brennan and Rick Berry

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

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Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke regarding the following items:

The annual elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be at the next meeting May 26, 2011. As a reminder the June meeting will be the annual retreat for the Commissioners and Sustainability Staff to create new priorities and work plan for the up coming year at an off site location. If any of the Commissioners have a suggestion of a venue please contact Larry or other Sustainability staff via e-mail.

The Office of Sustainability will participate in the following events:

On Monday May 2, 2011, at the final session of Leadership Long Beach, the Sustainability Staff will participate in the afternoon session which for the first time will be on the environment and sustainability. Staff has been working with the Executive Director of Leadership Long Beach developing a program to expose the participants to sustainability and the Action Plan. There will be group activities related to the Action Plan and the participants will contribute their thoughts on new programs.

On Tuesday May 3, 2011, the Gateway City Council of Governments (COG) is conducting an Open House regarding the sustainable city strategy related to SB375. SB375 is a state requirement for the local COG to come up with a sustainable city strategy. The Open House will be at the Mark Twain Library from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. This will be

long-range planning for the Los Angeles region and the Gateway COG region planning out to 2025 through 2035.

On Wednesday May 4, 2011 at Cal State Long Beach, there will be a Japanese Garden mixer from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. This will be the final event in a series of mixers. Final projects from the Environmental Science and Policy Program will be presented.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke regarding the Plastic Bag Ordinance. The Commissioner confirmed that the item will be voted on by City Council on May 17, 2011; however, it would be fitting to have a discussion by the Sustainable City Commission even if it is just reviewing the Ban.

Chair Wibroe confirmed the passing of the previous Motion of item number three to receive and file a report on the proposed Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance.

TheInjoris Roberts, Clerk, suggested to the Commissioners that if a discussion of the Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance was to ensue, there are other options for them to gather at a special meeting or executive session prior to May 17, 2011 to discuss the issues.

Commissioner Supernaw addressed Commissioner Gonzalez's comment regarding the need for the Commission to discuss item number three and explained to the audience why the Commissioners were unable to take action on item number three. In compliance with the Brown Act, the item was agendaized as receive and file, not an action item. So no matter how the Commissioners feel or what information they received ahead of time, they were prevented from giving their comments to take a specific action. At this point, the Commissioners will have to let it go and request of Staff in the future to provide the document to the Commission in enough time for them to review and then agendaize an action item for discussion and a vote. The timeframe this time prevented it...one of the pitfalls of adhering to the Brown Act. So the only option is to contact individual City Council members. The Plastic Bag Ban is one of the most heavily lobbied issues that City Council has ever come up against. Discouraging anyone from weighing in on it is not Commissioner Supernaw's intent; however, there is a lot more to it than this Commission giving their opinion.

Vice Chair Kajer responded to Commissioner Gonzalez by stating the matter does fall within the purview of this Commission and circumstances being what they were, the Commission was unable to actively participate in a process. However, each Commissioner in his/her appointed position has an obligation to contact the City Council person who appointed them to the position and share his/her private views. Having been given the opportunity to serve on this Commission gives their voice and opportunity to speak with a Council member a greater impact on that person who is making the decision on behalf of the community.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke regarding the Japanese Garden and their need for a better bike rack.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

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Commission McCune announced the following:

On April 2, 2011, there was a clean up on lot 59 with Council District 7. There was 3.67 tons of trash collected from the site along with 15 tires taken back to the refuse yard.

This weekend from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Health Department located at 2525 Grand, there will be another clean up of expired prescriptions. ATF and Long Beach Police Department will be attending. Please don't throw away or flush old prescriptions in the toilet.

Chair Wibroe announced on Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. the Acres of Books is giving away books free of charge along with recycled lumber. There is a sale of apple crates for \$10 each with proceeds going to the Art Exchange.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw announced the following:

In the 4th District Long Beach Transit is building a new state-of-the-art compressed natural gas C & G refueling station and maintenance garage and modification to support the agency's replacement of nearly 100 diesel buses with low emission C & G units. A by-product of that is C & G at this point is \$2 per gallon less than diesel.

Long Beach Heritage is recognized for naming an eastside structure, putting it on the endangered list...that is a very rare occurrence. The original Ray Vines Auto Dealership on the corner of Lakewood and Willow, mid-century architecture, will undergo adaptive reuse; a strip mall will be built but the original showroom will be saved. An example of another building being reused is the Blockbuster Video store on Bellflower north of Stearns was once the Bob's Bigboy. So it's a good thing instead of tearing down buildings, they are under historic preservation and adaptive reuse.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer announced the following:

Regarding Long Beach Heritage, the Long Beach Seaport Marina Hotel is also on the list of endangered structures...one of ten in the City of Long Beach, also recognized as a mid-century modern building. It is also being threatened with redevelopment by the proposed 2nd & PCH project that will be taking the place of or proposed to take the place of that corner. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the project closed on Monday and is now being taken back to the planning department for consideration of the comments that were made during the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) timeframe.

The garden at the intersection of 1st St and Loma is moving ahead. A commendation goes to Larry Rich and his resources within the Sustainability Office to help with a project being proposed by the 3rd District. The new planting is taking place this week. It is called the 1st & Loma Triangle.

Commissioner Gonzalez announced the following:

As an update on the Green Long Beach Festival, applications for vendors and sponsors are now being accepted. If there are any artists dealing with nature based artwork or creative reuse please apply. This is a grass-roots event meant to bring together all aspects of our community from members of business to members of the arts. All information is located at GreenLB.org and there is a Google Hotline (562) 646-soil (7645). There will be an economic forum for green businesses here in Long Beach. The date is May 17 at Hancock University on 15th and Long Beach Boulevard.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

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At 5:11 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Wibroe declared the meeting adjourned.