

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2010
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
333 W. OCEAN BLVD., 4:00 PM**

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 & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:10 P. M., Vice Chair Kajer called the Sustainable City Commission meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Jill Brennan, Gordana Kajer, Kyle
Present: McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Boardmembers Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss and Rick Berry
Excused:

Boardmembers Joan Greenwood
Absent:

ALSO PRESENT: Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator; Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator; and Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk Typist III.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 10-1174 Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday September 23, 2010.
A motion was made by Commissioner Supernaw, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to approve the recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday September 23, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 6 - Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Jill Brennan, Gordana Kajer, Kyle McCune and Elliot Gonzales

Excused: 3 - Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss and Rick Berry

Absent: 1 - Joan Greenwood

2. 10-1175 Recommendation to acknowledge Ink Peace as a Long Beach Green Business. **(Oral Report)**

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator introduced Mark Hawkins, Ink Peace, as the first recipient of the Long Beach Green Business Certificate.

Mark Hawkins, Ink Peace, spoke.

Greenwood joined the meeting.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

ROLL CALL

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

Boardmembers Excused: Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss and Rick Berry

3. 10-1176 Recommendation to approve and authorize the implementation of the Mulch Home Delivery Program.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, introduced Jason Gallup, Intern, who provided the Mulch Delivery Program Presentation.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Mark Hawkins, Ink Peace, spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke and introduced Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to approve the recommendation to approve and authorize the implementation of the Mulch Home Delivery Program.

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

Excused: 3 - Lisa Wibroe, Andrea White-Kjoss and Rick Berry

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, announced the following:

The Sustainable City staff submitted a request for two grants from CalFire for (1) one thousand trees and (2) to install 10 bio-retention tree wells with the partners in Public Works. Also another grant request was submitted to Southern California Edison for a citywide energy management system to connect all of the buildings to have real time energy data.

On November 18, 2010, the Strategic Growth Council will respond to a grant request for the Sustainability Planning Code. The Department of Development Services will be involved as partners.

The Office of Sustainability staff attended the statewide Energy Efficiency Conference in Burbank, California hosted by the California Public Utilities Commission. It covers best practices, case studies and other things related to energy efficiency.

Meredith attended the International City/County Managers Association. It now has a sustainability track which was very informative and the Sustainable City Staff facilitated one of the roundtable sessions.

Larry Rich, Sustainability Coordinator, announced the following:

There have been a series of follow-ups on the rain barrel recipients. Reminders were sent to the recipients to pay attention to their rain barrels and track results. So far all of the feedback is very positive; the recipients of the rain barrels are excited. There have been many requests for additional rain barrels, however, the Sustainable City Staff is not able to honor the requests at this time. There is a waiting list of about 70 applicants. The Sustainable City Staff will need to collect the feedback and get a status report before expanding the program.

Monica Noeng, Intern, was introduced to the Commission. Monica will be working on the Low Impact Development Policy to be incorporated into the Building Code updates and will go to the City Council on November 9, 2010. If the information is adopted by City Council, the Low Impact Development of Best Practices Manual will be drafted. Monica is presently providing the research to produce the manual.

Another Intern, Tiffany Chin (not in attendance), will be working on several projects, including the City's Street Tree List to incorporate more native and drought tolerant species.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Greenwood announced that she attended the EV1 Workshop on the Status of Electric Vehicles. There are many new models and many EV cars expected to be sold by 2020. There were also a fair number of vendors offering the home charging stations. Several incentives were offered for people to acquire the car, such as federal and state tax credits and a number of organizations are available to help people make the decision to purchase. There seems to be a bias toward continuing to buy electricity from Southern California Edison rather than using the solar approach. The solar approach was mentioned at the end of the conference. A family mentioned that they had a problem when they moved from their single-family home, where they did have solar, to a condominium. The family had difficulty making the decision of how to meter and install what was needed for the electric vehicle. Commissioner Greenwood is not sure if this issue was addressed when developing the Work Plan. One of the pilot programs only touches a small part of Long Beach. At some point the Sustainable City Staff may want to revisit the issue of electric vehicles.

Commissioner McCune announced the 9th District is having their annual Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Please support all of the Veterans who fought for this country.

Vice Chair Kajer introduced Commissioner Elliott Gonzalez as the latest Commissioner representing the At Large position. The Commissioner is a resident of the first district.

Commissioner Gonzalez introduced himself and said he has been working on issues regarding sustainability for a couple of years and feels it's an honor to be working along-side the other Commissioners. Commissioner Gonzalez is familiar with many of the Sustainable Commissioners because of being active in the community. Commissioner Gonzalez announced that outside of the main library there are drought tolerant plants, herbs and medicinal plants. If there is anyone interested in getting more involved in beautifying the Civic Center, they can help plant more medicinal plants along with natives and drought tolerant plants. There will also be artwork added to the Civic Center. Within

the next few years Commissioner Gonzalez has a goal of making the Civic Center a place that will make the community proud.

Vice Chair Kajer asked for an update on the responses from the energy contest that will end in mid-November 2010.

Meredith Reynolds responded. The contest is designed to have interested individuals take the on-line survey and the survey is submitted with a brief one-page application to www.longbeach.gov. The grand prize is a \$5,000 home energy efficiency makeover. The runner up will receive \$800 with a choice to install a whole-house fan, a new refrigerator, and also a variable-speed pool pump. There are now about 200 contest entries. The applications are divided by district so there will be one grand prize winner and one runner-up in each district. Those with significant energy use will have their names drawn for the grand prize and the remaining names drawn will be the runners-up. The winners will be able to use the prize money to find the contractors and do the work. Southern California Edison will cover 100 percent of the labor and materials. The Sustainable City Staff plan to announce the winners during Earth Week 2011.

Vice Chair Kajer announced the Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust has confirmed the California Coastal Commission will have a hearing on November 19, 2010 regarding the Permit Appeal for the Studebaker & Loynes illegal permit and grading activity from March 2009. The Coastal Commission staff has indicated that they will recommend a full restoration of the 9 1/2 acres of land with a five-year monitoring requirement on the part of the owner. Those in support of wetlands restoration are pleased with this information. The final outcome is unknown until the vote of the Coastal Commission so everyone is being urged to be in Santa Monica to hear the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Kajer requested a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Supernaw moved to adjourn the meeting.

At 4:37 P. M., there being no objection, Vice Chair Kajer declared the meeting adjourned.

