CITY OF LONG BEACH SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2010 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 4:00 PM

Daryl Supernaw, Commissioner Rick Berry, Commissioner Andrea White-Kjoss, Commissioner Gordana Kajer, Vice Chair Lisa Wibroe, Chair



Robin Thorne, Commissioner Joan Greenwood, Commissioner Jill Brennan, Commissioner Kyle McCune, Commissioner Vacant, Commissioner Vacant, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Boardmembers Lisa Wibroe, Daryl Supernaw, Robin Thorne, Jill Brennan, Joan

Present: Greenwood, Gordana Kajer, Rick Berry and Kyle McCune

Boardmembers Andrea White-Kjoss

Absent:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

David Sabunas ASLA, Associate, Studio One Eleven, spoke.

NEW BUSINESS

 10-0561 Recommendation to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday April 22, 2010.

Commissioner Greenwood made a correction to the Minutes of April 22, 2010. The correct spelling of the public participant's last name is Risch.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kajer, seconded by Commissioner Thorne, to receive and file the Minutes of the Sustainable City Commission meeting of Thursday April 22, 2010. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Joan Greenwood

Absent: 1 - Andrea White-Kjoss

2. 10-0562 Recommendation to support the Los Angeles Energy Program.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the PowerPoint presentation regarding the Los Angeles Energy Program.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwood, seconded by Commissioner Berry, to support the Los Angeles Energy Program. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Andrea White-Kjoss

3. 10-0563 Recommendation to receive a report on Car Sharing Programs.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, provided the PowerPoint presentation on the Car Sharing Program.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kajer, seconded by Commissioner Brennan, to receive and file the report on the Car Sharing Programs. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Andrea White-Kjoss

Vice Chair Kajer made a motion to include an item at a future meeting for the Commission to discuss and vote on supporting a Car Sharing Program.

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Commissioner Supernaw spoke.

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator, spoke.

Vice Chair Kajer spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kajer, seconded by Chair Supernaw, to discuss and vote on supporting a Car Sharing Program at a future Sustainable City Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Andrea White-Kjoss

PROGRESS UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & NEXT STEPS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY STAFF

Meredith Reynolds, Sustainability Coordinator made the following announcements:

The retreat for the Sustainable City Commission will be held at Rancho Los Cerritos at the same time of the regular meeting - 4:00 p.m. Thursday June 24, 2010. The purpose of the retreat is to draft a workplan and have conversations about specific actions and programs that the Commission would like to support and take before City Council for approval.

Rain barrel installations are continuing and have been very successful. New interns will be introduced at the retreat: Charlene, Planning Student at UC Irvine; Mike, Planning & Design Student at USC; Joy, Reed College in Portland, Oregon; and Christine, Film Student who will be producing a documentary on the projects being done by the Sustainable City Staff.

The Sustainable City Staff applied for a grant in partnership with the Workforce Development Team. The \$2.4 million grant is for the Low Impact Development Academy to continue the work of beautification and tree planting.

Work was done with the new City Farm and Garden on 15th Street.

The Sustainable Staff is working on the greenhouse gas inventory for 2009 and the results will be documented at the beginning of the next calendar year. This year the greenhouse gases have been reduced.

The Solar Trash Compacting Garbage Can Pilot Project is moving forward and will run for

six months. The recycle bins will be placed in various local business districts - Bixby Knolls at Carson & Atlantic; Downtown at Pine & Broadway; and Belmont Shore at 2nd & Argonne. The trash is put into the bin and the solar panel on top operates the battery to compact the trash and at the end of the day a cube of trash is produced. If the pilot is successful, the bins will be placed in larger areas such as the Long Beach Convention Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS FROM SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Wibroe spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood shared good news from a LEED Consultant at Turner Construction who complimented the City of Long Beach on its excellent green building programs. There were about 35 companies represented in the class focusing on construction project management.

Vice Chair Kajer announced that May has been declared the official Breakwater awareness month for the City of Long Beach which is in association with an event sponsored by 4th District City Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell. The Councilmember invited the Army Corp of Engineers to a meeting to discuss the status of the feasibility study to reconfigure the Long Beach Breakwater which is now called the East San Pedro Bay Improvement Project. The Army Corp of Engineers has determined that there is federal interest in moving the project forward. The estimated cost of the study is \$8 million and the City of Long Beach, as the local sponsoring agency, would be responsible to provide approximately \$4 million which would be phased out over the length of the project estimated to last about four years. City Council will be considering this item some time in mid June 2010.

Vice Chair Kajer also announced the 2nd & PCH EIR is now public and open for comment until June 4, 2010. The community has considerable concerns about the effect of the project on the community and whether or not this is the correct project for the location at 2nd & PCH. The EIR is posted on the Planning Department website so please send comments by June 4, 2010.

Commissioner Thorne pointed out the names for Chair and Vice Chair have not been updated and Commissioner Kincaid's name should be removed due to his resignation on April 22, 2010.

Thelinjoris Roberts, Clerk, spoke.

Commissioner Greenwood announced the results of the Friends of the LA River Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance joint event, held on May 8, 2010, cleaning up the estuary as well as picking up trash in the neighborhoods. Within three hours approximately four tons of trash was picked up between the river and the neighborhood streets and alleys. A survey was done of the trash bags and weighing them out it was noted that at Willow Street there was a lot of metal compared to the other sites. It was difficult for the

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volunteers to get the metal out of the riverbed because of the difficulty at the site so about eight piles of metal was left behind in the estuary. More and more metal is being left in the riverbed so at some point Commissioner Greenwood would be interested to find out why so much metal is being left on the riverbed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:06 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Wibroe declared the meeting adjourned.