



MONDAY, November 8, 2010

7:00 P.M. - REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Council Chambers, Los Altos City Hall
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the audience may bring to the Commission's attention any item that is not on the agenda. Please complete a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the staff liaison. Speakers are generally given two or three minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. State law prohibits the Commission from acting on items that do not appear on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

These items will be considered by one motion unless any member of the Commission or audience wishes to remove an item for discussion. Any item removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion will be handled at the discretion of the Chair.

1. Commission Minutes
Approval of minutes – Regular Meeting of October 11, 2010

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Environmental Commission Annual Report to City Council

Discussion of results of the presentation to the City Council at the 5pm Joint Meeting with the Environmental Commission on October 19, 2010 to discuss:

- a. 2009-2010 Environmental Commission Goals and Accomplishments,
- b. 2010-2011 Environmental Commission Goals and Work Plan.
- c. Discussion of next steps, action items and projects

3. Environment Commission Website

Discussion of direction from Council and possible revisions to the website

4. Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Update by Environmental Commission Subcommittee

5. Items for Information

- a. Junko Bryant will present Redwood Grove creek clean-up and restoration project to City Council on Nov. 9, 2010

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2010, AT
7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD,
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Rosewater, Labetich, DeMichiel, Anderson, Keller, Bray, Reed

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Commission Minutes
MOTION BY VICE CHAIR LABETICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
ANDERSON to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2010. THE MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Environmental Commission Annual Report to City Council on October 19, 2010 at 5pm
 - a. Report from subcommittee on Environmental Commission 2009-2010 goals and accomplishments for presentation to the City Council joint meeting with the Environmental Commission on October 19, 2010.
 - b. Discussion, review of materials and preparation of 2010-2011 Environmental Commission Goals and Work Plan for presentation to the City Council joint meeting with the Environmental Commission on October 19, 2010.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rosewater adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

J. Logan, Assistant City Manager and STAFF LIAISON

Los Altos Environmental Commission

Goals and Work Plan 2010-2011

Approved by Council on November 9, 2010

Listed below are goals for the Environmental Commission 2010-2011 Work Plan

Proposed Goals 2010-2011		Proposed Projects in support of goals
1	Continue to provide approved community education and outreach activities to achieve natural resource conservation for Los Altos. (Steve Anderson, Linda DeMichiel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve look and feel of web site. Add web site content as appropriate information is available. Coordinate with IT to follow City protocol. • Provide approved public information forums for topics of interest to the public (e.g., Packard Building, Solar).
2	Explore enhancements to further improve waste management in Los Altos. (Don Bray, Steve Anderson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor MTWS waste diversion rate for both regularly scheduled pickups and event waste management. Look for ways to meet and exceed contracted diversion rate. Make results available to community, along with education on how they can help improve outcomes. • Work with MTWS to provide recycling and composting services for downtown shoppers. Help educate citizens as soon as new services are available.
3	Provide modeling and analysis of ways to reduce environmental impact in the community. (Subcommittee: Don Bray, John Reed, Patty Rosewater)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use CAPP tool to model the impact of various behaviors (i.e., change to florescent bulbs, use energy star appliances, use cold water in washing clothes...). • Pick a limited number to pursue; with Council approval, develop education and outreach activities to educate community.
4	Work with Planning Services Manager to develop Sustainability element to Los Altos General Plan. (Labetich, Keller, DeMichiel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2011 CIP includes funds for this project in July 2011. The EC will serve in an advisory and review role.
5.	Implement approved education program regarding re-useable bags in Los Altos. (Patty Rosewater)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to partner with Chamber of Commerce in visits with CVS Pharmacy and Walgreens to inquire about their re-usable bag programs. • Publicize results of re-usable bag survey as appropriate.
6.	Continue to work to foster water conservation in Los Altos. (Linda DeMichiel, Chris Keller)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with Cal Water to develop Los Altos specific baseline. • Incorporate water resource plans into broader "Sustainability Element" above.
7.	Other Council goals as directed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare funding recommendations to submit to Council in April 2011.

