

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010, AT 7:00 P.M. AT
LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Anderson, Rosewater, DeMichiel, Labetich, Keller

ABSENT: Chien-Hale, Bray

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Commission Minutes
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DeMICHIEL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LABETICH to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2010. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Election of Environmental Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2010/2011
Chair Anderson accepted nominations for Environmental Commission Chair. NOMINATION BY COMMISSIONER DeMichiel of Vice Chair Rosewater. THE NOMINATION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Chair Anderson accepted nominations for Environmental Commission Vice Chair. NOMINATION BY COMMISSIONER DeMichiel of Commissioner Labetich. THE NOMINATION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Chair Rosewater began officiating the meeting as chair.
8. Development of Environmental Element to the General Plan
David Kornfield, Planning Services Manager for the City of Los Altos, presented an update on the development of an Environmental Element to the General Plan. Council will provide more direction and staff will provide more information once expected legislation has passed in the summer.
7. Waste Management services Contract Request for Proposal (RFP)
John Zirelli, Recology General Manager, offered comments.

Commissioner Anderson and staff provided an update that the Selection Committee has recommended a preferred vendor to Council and Council has approved negotiating a contract with Mission Trail Waste Systems.

3. Earth Day Project
Chair Rosewater provided an update on discussions with Acterra and GreenTown Los Altos for co-sponsoring a project for Earth Day. MOTION BY VICE CHAIR LABETICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLER that language be added to the Commission website stating "the Environmental Commission thanks GreenTown Los Altos, in partnership with Acterra and the Los Altos Recreation Department, for organizing a hands-on volunteer

work day and environmental open house at Redwood Grove.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KELLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON that language be added to the Commission website stating “the Environmental Commission thanks GreenTown Los Altos, in partnership with the Los Altos Library, for arranging a lecture by Stanford University Professor Robert Dunbar, who will discuss the current state of climate change and what we can expect in the future. This scientific perspective is based on his research in the Antarctic, the global ocean and the Americas, as well as his participation in the 2009 UN Copenhagen Climate Conference. Dunbar will also address the most commonly held misconceptions about climate change and how scientists differentiate between manmade and natural effects.” MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. GreenTown Los Altos Sustainable Events Program

Staff provided an update on the efforts to place information from the GreenTown Los Altos Sustainable Events Program presentation from March 8, 2010. After discussion, motion from the February 8, 2010 meeting was changed and staff was requested to place the GreenTown Los Altos Green Event Guidelines on the website in place of the slide presentation on March 8, 2010.

Commissioners discussed how the new garbage contract will affect public events. MOTION BY CHAIR ROSEWATER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LABETICH that the Commission wants the contract negotiations to put language in the contract that provides for higher diversion rates at public events at reasonable rates, AMENDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLER to say the Commission wants the contract negotiation to “consider putting”.... MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory Subcommittee

This item was continued to the April Commission meeting. Chair Rosewater will convene the subcommittee to prepare a report for the Commission.

6. Formation of Environmental Commission Speakers Presentation

This item was continued to the April Commission meeting for discussion of a report to Council.

9. Items for Information

Staff report on:

- a. City of Los Altos nominated for Silicon Valley Water Conservation Award
- b. Update on Environmental Commission website hits.
- c. Commission Chairs meeting with Mayor Casas on March 13, 2010 from 8:00-9:00 am at Neutra House.

10. 2009-2010 Environmental Commission Goals and Work Plan

Commissioners discussed the 2009-2010 Environmental Commission Goals and Work Plan and the timeline for developing the 2010-2011 Goals and Work Plan.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rosewater adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.