

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 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, Schink

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEMICHIEL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LABETICH to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 2009 without amendment. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Welcome New Committee Member – Chris Keller and Ron Labetich

The committee welcomed new committee members Chris Keller and Rob Labetich. Introductions were made and Chris and Ron provided a brief background of their work history and interest in the environment.

3. Capital Improvement Projects Budget

J. Logan, Staff Liaison, presented the five-year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Budget. Discussion followed the presentation.

4. International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI)

J. Logan, Staff Liaison, reported on the ICLEI and green house gas reduction study. Data submission will be completed end of March 2009. ICLEI will be re-agendized in June 2009 for staff report and update.

5. Housing element update1

Margie Suozzo of Green Town Los Altos (GTLA) read a letter prepared by Linda Gass regarding the Housing Element Update to the City of Los Altos General Plan. David Kornfield provided a summary of the Planning Commission activities to update the Housing Element and specifically discussed Housing Element Goal Seven and Eight.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEMICHIEL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROSEWATER to support the request by GTLA to expand Goal Seven to maximize Los Altos sustainability through energy efficiency, water conservation, and green house gas reduction. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROSEWATER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KELLER that the Environmental Commission endorse proposal by GTLA for Goal Eight for high density

housing. THE MOTION FAILED 2 – 3, with COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON, LABETICH, DEMICHIEL dissenting.

6. Community Foundation Environmental Education Fund

Commissioner Anderson reported no change in the Community Foundation Environmental Education Fund except for a deduction for the investment fee.

7. Disposable Single use Carry-out Bags

Discussion from February 23 meeting of disposable single use carry-out bags in Los Altos is re-agenized to the regular scheduled meeting in April beginning at 6 pm. Item will be agenized as two separate items; 1. plastic bags and 2. Single use carry-out containers.

7. Green Business Certification

Draft resolution prepared by Margie Suozzo from Green Town Los Altos (GTLA) regarding Green Business Certification participation by City of Los Altos was reviewed and discussed. J. Logan, Staff Liaison, will take Green Business Certification Checklist back for staff review of cost, time and impact to implement the draft recommendations. Item will be re-agenized for April 13, 2009.

8. GTLA Presentation

Presentation and recommendations by Karen Janowski from Green Town Los Altos (GTLA) regarding waste management at large public events for the item of Sustainable events. The Commission requested more information on staff recommendation, input from city business community (LAVA, Chamber, Rotary), costs, number of special events permitted last year, and number of participants. Re-agenized for April 13, 2009.

## COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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J. Logan, STAFF LIAISON