

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011, AT
7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD,
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bray, DeMichiel, Keller, Reed, Eyre

ABSENT: Anderson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Gary Hedden, GreenTown Los Altos representative presented information about the Environmental Defense Fund Teleconference – Natural Gas Production and the challenges facing natural gas production and use.

1. Commission Minutes
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DeMICHIEL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EYRE to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2011 with amendment, “Staff reported on consulting services for public safety assessment of the LeHigh Cement Plant and Quarry”. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Disposal and Management of Expanded Polystyrene
Presentation by subcommittee followed by discussion. Staff Liaison will summarize eight points in an email for staff to consider and request meeting with subcommittee week of January 9th. Commissioner requested that subcommittee present summary of issues in January.
3. Climate Action Plan (CAP)
Report lead by Commissioner Eyre about meeting with Community Development staff on next steps for commencing the CAP study.
 - a. Activity progress report was presented by the Environmental Commission Task Force.
 - b. Status update was provided on status of the Request for Proposal (RFP) approved by Council on Nov. 8, 2011.
4. Environmental Commission Website Revisions
Activity progress report by Commissioner DeMichiel and staff. Revised website is now in operation on the City website. Discussion of old website user hits and new website user hits to be report each month at Environmental Commission meetings. Plan to add Environmental Commission tab to left menu of City webpage.

5. Increasing Watershed Awareness and Stewardship in Los Altos
Presentation and powerpoint materials presented by Commissioner Eyre followed by discussion.
Sarah Young, Santa Clara Valley Water District representative, provided additional comments.
6. City of Los Altos 60th Anniversary Celebration
No report
7. Environmental Commission Work Plan Progress Review
Review, discussion and update of 2011-2012 Work Plan presented to City Council at the Joint Meeting on April 5. Commissioners will begin summary of 2011 Work Plan achievements and drafting of the 2012 Environmental Commission Work Plan to be presented to Council at the joint meeting on April 3, 2012.
8. Items for Information
 - a. Staff gave status update on single-stream waste receptacle labels for downtown. The new cans with Environmental Commission preferred logo and label are now installed in the downtown triangle.
 - b. Staff gave information that the sale of “Trees of Los Altos” book proceeds go to the City general fund revenues.
 - c. Commissioners and staff gave update regarding the tree planting on December 10, 2011 in memory of Environmental Commission Chair Patty Rosewater.
 - d. Environmental Commissioner Representative to December 13, 2011 Council Meeting – Linda DeMichiel. There are no environmental items on the Council agenda.
 - e. 2012 Environmental Commission Assignment Schedule for Regular City Council Meetings – staff provided dates of 2012 Council meetings and sign-up sheet.
 - f. Environmental Commission vacancy – Commissioner Eyre discussed recruitment suggestions and encouraged fellow commissioners to make contacts and encourage citizens to apply for the Environmental Commission vacancy.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bray adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

J. Logan, Assistant City Manager and staff liaison