

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.
AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Anderson, Chien-Hale, DeMichiel, Rosewater, Schink, Coombs

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEMICHEL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROSEWATER to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2008 as amended. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Environmental Commission Website

I.T. Manager Trautman presented the live web site to the Commission. Trautman incorporated the revisions from the last meeting to the Environmental Commission website and added a link in the City's website.

Commission reviewed and commented on information submitted by Commissioner Rosewater regarding "Household Hazardous Waste Disposal" and information regarding "The Four R's: Reduce – Reuse – Recycle – (Rot) Compost." Commissioner Rosewater will make revisions and will send the updated information to Liaison Fairman. Liaison Fairman will check with City Clerk regarding name listing in the information provided by Commissioner Rosewater.

On a MOTION BY CHAIR ANDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHINK, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, the two topics submitted by Commissioner Rosewater will be added as two separate links to the Commission's website contingent upon the City's approval.

Chair Anderson will send Trautman information regarding Building Green to be posted on the Commission's website.

Commissioner DeMichiel gave Commissioner Coombs links information for the plants web page.

3. Green Building

Vice- Chair Schink talked about his experience with the Green Building requirements.

Vice-Chair Schink learned he had to comply with the Green Building requirements when he submitted plans to the City for a proposed expansion of his house that it is over 50% remodeled. Initially Schink

and his builder tried filling out the Green Building table to get the required points, but the calculation was not correct. Then his builder took the Green Building course to have a better understanding of the requirements. Schink's builder will recalculate the points in the lists and will resubmit to the City.

Schink's opinion is that when houses comply with the Building Green requirements, they sell faster and at a higher price. Schink says that the building green improvements tend to pay for themselves in the long run.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Aida Fairman, STAFF LIAISON