

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009, AT 7:00 P.M.
AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Anderson, DeMichiel, Chien-Hale, Labetich, Keller, Bray

ABSENT: Rosewater

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Commission Minutes
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DeMICHEL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LABETICH to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2009. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Waste Management Services Contract Request for Proposal (RFP)
Engineer Services Manager Gustafson presented background on the item followed by Consultant Richard Gertman's presentation on the waste management services RFP. Commissioners discussed waste management services and the RFP that will be on the City Council agenda on September 8, 2009. The audience participated in a question and answer session with the Environmental Commissioners and the consultant.

The following community members offered comments:

Sybil Cramer
Louie Pellegrini

Staff presented a summary of points made during the meeting.

3. 2009-2010 Environmental Commission Goals and Work Plan
Staff reported and Commissioners discussed the 2009-2010 Environmental Commission Goals and Work Plan that was approved by Council on July 28, 2009.
4. Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory Subcommittee Report
Commissioner Bray presented the subcommittee's interim report on the investigation of the feasibility of a Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory.
5. Environmental Commission Website Revision Subcommittee Report
Subcommittee reported no action had been taken. Staff is in the process of recruiting a volunteer to assist with website revisions.

6. Water Conservation Measures Update
Staff reported and Commissioners discussed the water conservation measures update including a written report on Drought Resistant Landscape Demonstration Gardens in the City. Commissioner Labetich suggested a press release informing the community of the gardens.

Commissioner DeMichiel requested a volunteer to assist with update of the Environmental Commission website.
7. Solar/Photovoltaic Permit Fees and Utilization
Staff reported and Commissioners discussed report on revenues generated by Photovoltaic Permit Fees. Staff reported that City of Los Altos was recognized by NorCal Solar for the highest number of new systems installed per capita for medium sized cities in the Bay Area for 2008. The City had the sixth highest number of new systems installed for all California cities in 2008.
8. Items for Discussion
 - a. Commissioners discussed having an Environmental Commission table at Community Picnic on September 13, 2009. Commissioners declined to participate this year.
 - b. Commissioners discussed giving *Trees of Los Altos* books away at Green Town Los Altos event in September. No action was taken on this request.
9. Environmental Commission Volunteers
Staff introduced new Environmental Commission volunteer Joseph Fullerton.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

J. Logan, STAFF LIAISON