



City of El Segundo

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 13, 2020, 12:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm, held virtually via Zoom.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Committee Members were present:

- Tracey Miller-Zarneke, Resident, Local Business, Committee Chair
- Corrie Zupo, Resident, Committee Vice-Chair
- Caroline Hawks, Resident, Member
- Kevin Maggay, Local Business, Member
- Rachel McPherson, Resident, Member

The following Committee Members were not present:

- Sarah Brockhaus, Resident, Member (Excused Absent)
- 1 vacancy, El Segundo School District, Member

The following City staff member(s) were present:

- Elias Sassoon, City of El Segundo, Director, Public Works
- Siavosh Poursabahian, Development Services Department
- Hamid Rezaei, Development Services Department
- Ray Delgado, Community Services Department

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Five members of the public participated:

- Irene Sanchez – resident
- Trisha Delmendo – resident
- Victor Valdez – resident
- Craig Calwallader – Surfrider foundation member
- Chia-Ming Ro – resident

The first three members addressed the committee and expressed concerns regarding the “Catalyst” project which was heard by the City Planning Commission (CPC) on November 12, 2020. The item was to be continued by the CPC and therefore the committee members did not provide any response. The committee chairwoman informed them of this in advance. The concerns were related to the impact to the environment and traffic. Mr. Valdez provided some documents which copies were provided to the committee members later. Mr. Cadwallader spoke in support of a smoking ban coming to El Segundo. Ms. Ro attended in support of bee keeping measures.

4. REPORTS: CITY STAFF

- a. Elias Sassoon informed the Committee that there would be no permit required for bee keeping and the residents who want to be Bee Keepers must comply with county requirements only. He advised that the City Attorney needs to update the ordinance regarding nuisances to remove bee keeping from it.
- b. Elias Sassoon informed the committee that he had been in touch with the Building Officials of cities of Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach and Culver City. None of these cities require LEED certificates any longer. This is due to the fact that the state code is updated every 3 years and the current code has caught up with LEED in many aspects. Further, LEED certificate requirements have proven to be very costly and time consuming. However, these cities require additional EV-Charging Stations and Culver City requires recycling of gray water (from Laundry only). Elias Sassoon indicated that he planned to include some funding in the next year’s strategic planning to hire a consultant firm to analyze any requirement(s) beyond and above the state requirements. These efforts must be coordinated with Environmental Committee (EC), Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), and stakeholders/ citizens. The funding for this work is subject to the City Council approval.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

Member Kevin Maggay made a motion to develop city wide smoking in public places and in common areas of multi-family developments. Member Corrie Zupo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

6. REPORTS: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members provided updates on work plan items. Ryan Delgado from Recreation & Parks department provided some information regarding Community Garden. The proposed Water and Wastewater rates was discussed briefly and Elias Sassoon informed the committee that the item would be on December 1, 2020 City Council agenda for discussion. Member Zupo would like to continue discussion regarding Community Garden.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approved Minutes for October 2, 2020 meeting. Chairwoman Tracey Miller-Zarneke moved to approve; member Rachael McPherson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

It was decided not to have any meeting in December 2020. Next meeting will be held on January 8, 2020 at noon.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm.

