

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2012

I. Call to order

Karl Bruskotter called to order the regular meeting of the Environmental Committee at 6:05 p.m. on March 14, 2012 in the City of El Segundo, West Conference Room, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245.

II. Roll call

The following Committee Members were present:

- Scot Nicol, City of El Segundo, Resident/Business
- Karl Bruskotter, Resident, Member
- Jill Moeller, Resident, Member
- Lesli Kendall, Center Street School, El Segundo School District, Member

The following staff members were present:

- Stephanie Katsouleas, City of El Segundo Public Works Director
- Arianne Bola, City of El Segundo, Engineering Associate

III. Public Communications: none

A. Consent Agenda:

1. **Approval of minutes for January 18, 2012 Environmental Committee Meeting**

B. New Business:

a. Energy Conservation:

- i. **Solartubes:** Lesli Kendall conducted a research about solar tubes and found one company called Solatube that specializes in installation of variety of solar tubes both in the residential and commercial buildings/structures. Solar tubes are cylinders used to bring natural light into homes, to help replace or add to electric lights. They are also known by several other names, including sun pipes, sun scopes, light tubes and daylight pipes. They're usually installed on roofs and come through to the ceiling below, and they look like small spotlights. The following are questions that arises when the group discussed this item:
 1. Which City facilities will greatly benefit in using these innovative lighting systems?
 2. How much would it cost for the installation?
 3. Is this a good project we can present for CIPAC?

Also, while discussing this topic, Stephanie mentioned that the City Facilities so far has a very efficient lighting according to previous evaluations and studies made by Honeywell and several other power purchase agreement (PPA) companies. She also mentioned an upcoming CEC grant-funded project for retrofitting more of the City's lighting systems using energy efficient lighting products.

ii. **Water Conservation:** The following are questions that arises when the group discussed this item:

1. Are there any programs for rebates/incentives?
2. Any rebates that the residents and businesses can apply to?

b. Solid Waste Reduction:

i. **Additional recycling trash cans throughout the City:** The following are questions that arose when the group discussed this item:

1. How many types of recycling trash cans are currently being utilized by the City in the downtown area?
2. Who installed these trash cans?
3. Where will we install new trash cans?
4. How much would it cost for the installation and procurement of new trash cans?
5. Is this a good project we can present for CIPAC?
6. Should we gather feedback from commercial establishments regarding these trash cans? (suggestion to contact the Chamber of Commerce regarding this issue)
7. Can text or advertisements be included on the new trash cans? (ex. providing the city website's address for recycling information)

ii. **Green Waste Curb Side Collection:** Currently the City does not have this program but utilizes a green waste drop-off at the City's Maintenance Yard. The following were questions that arose when the group discussed this item:

1. What are the advantages of having this program?
2. How much will it cost the city to have this program?
3. Is there an option if a resident does not want to use this program?
4. Is this a good project we can present for CIPAC?

c. Possible additional related action

C. Reports: Public Works Director. None

D. Reports: Environmental Committee Members. None

1. **Committee Chair: Karl Bruskotter**
2. **Committee Member: Scot Nicol**
3. **Committee Member: Lesli Kendall**
4. **Committee Member: Jill Moeller**

Adjournment

Karl Bruskotter adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm. Next meeting May 9, 2012 at 6:00pm in the West Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by: Arianne Bola