

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2011

I. Call to order

Stephanie called to order the regular meeting of the Environmental Committee at 6:00 p.m. on October 26, 2011 in the City of El Segundo, West Conference Room, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

- Stephanie Katsouleas, City of El Segundo Public Works Director
- Maryam Jonas, City of El Segundo, Principle Engineer
- Arianne Bola, City of El Segundo, Engineering Associate
- Scot Nicol, City of El Segundo, Resident/Business
- Jill Moeller, Resident, Member
- Jim Boulgarides, Resident, Member
- Karl Bruskotter, Resident, Member
- Lesli Kendall, Center Street School, El Segundo School District, Member (for Dickie Van Breene)

III. Public Communications: none

IV. New Business

a. Selection of Chair, Vice Chair

- Jim nominated Karl to be "Chair," seconded by Scot. Unanimous vote
- Leslie nominated Jim to be "Vice Chair" seconded by Karl, unanimous vote

b. Times and schedule of future meetings.

- We need to set a meeting Schedule: We need to decide when we want to meet. Meetings will be the second Wednesday of odd months.

c. Review Environmental Work Plan:

- Action Item #1 – expand the use of energy efficiency: Grant was received for \$500,000 related to energy efficiency. Money will be used to educate staff, implement online permitting system. The City will be getting a "utility manager" computer program to increase efficiency of energy usage. The grant is only for the "City" not the residents. Several outside agencies have analyzed City usage and found there was not much energy usage that could be cut.
- Action Item #2 – renewable energy: We have not yet found a company that can make the change and be cost effective.
 - The City Facility roofs are so congested that no areas for solar power equipment are available.
 - May bring down a Canadian consultant to check the different City Facilities.
- Action Item #3 – Reduce greenhouse gas emissions: GHG inventory will be done this coming year.

- Action Item #4 – Maintain at least 81% waste diversion from landfills: We don't have very much information on this because the commercial sector collection is not required to report it.
 - Action Item #5 – reduce toxic or nonrenewable products: A lot of that has been done, but it's nothing that has been quantified. More environmentally friendly labeled products are being purchased.
 - Action Item #6 – increase residential recycling: The council voted to keep trash services the same during the recent negotiations/contract. The new contract is able to be modified if agreed upon. Consolidated will now provide 32 gallon containers instead of the current 18 gallon. Every household is entitled to two 32 gallon for up to 64 gallons.
 - The City did not budget for environmental outreach this year.
 - The following were suggestions that came up for this item:
 - Pilot a program to have recycling cans for gas stations
 - Start a City trash clean-up day
 - Action Item #7 – Develop a green building rating system to apply to all municipal buildings. The standard is that as new equipment needs to be purchased it is "Energy Star Compliant." Nothing has specifically been retrofitted.
 - Action Item #8 – Development of workable green building construction: The City adopted the State of CA Green Building Standards.
 - Action Item #9 – Inventory of existing canopy coverage. The "tree staff" has been cut back due to budget issues, so additional planting could not be maintained.
 - Action Item #10 – Continue to explore viable public transportation to all city residents, businesses and employees. There is no proactive program to incentive that. Some businesses in the city have a good program (Chevron). In the near future there are discussions to bring back MAX – transportation between El Segundo and Palos Verdes.
 - Action Item #11 – Reduce reliance on traditional fuel sources. The fleet has not changed. Sometimes the power or towing capacity is not there for the alternative fuel vehicles. City pool and planning cars are being converted to hybrid and/or natural gas.
 - Action Item #12 – Implement policy to reduce percentage of commute trips by single occupancy vehicles: Currently is not happening and there is no program to incentive.
 - Action Item #13 – Reduce use of toxic substances. Asbestos that is found is removed by an outside contractor. Workers have been trained on how to identify potential areas of asbestos and have it tested.
 - Action Item #14 – Expand water conservation programs: We are already the best in the state.
 - Action Item #15 – reduce volume of untreated wastewater discharges.
 - Action Item #16 – Adopt sewer system management plan. Done every 5 years
 - Action Item #17 – Establish the a standing Environmental Council: Done
- d. Discussion on City's environmental initiatives**

- At the next meeting begin a “new five year” plan. Stephanie suggested at the next meeting we remove items that will not get put into place. Jim suggested we look at some of the policies related to this (is there a vehicle purchasing policy in place).
- Jim suggested we look into printing messages on the envelopes – such as promoting the City’s green waste recycling program at the Yard.
- Possibilities to look into : water permeable pavement, recycled material for roads
- Let’s brainstorm some ideas between now and January 1, 2011 – email to Arianne and then we can flush the ideas out.

e. Possible additional related action

V. Old Business

- None

VI. Reports: Public Works Director

- NRG wants to bring an EV charging system to El Segundo. The premise is for \$90/month you can charge your vehicle all you want.
- Maryam is going to retire at the end of 2011.

VII. Reports: Environmental Committee

- **Lesli Kendall:** Center Street won Awards

VIII. Adjournment

Karl Bruskotter adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm. Next meeting January 11, 2012 at 6:00pm in the West Conference Room.

Minutes submitted by: Jill Moeller