



CITY OF EL SEGUNDO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

1. CALL TO ORDER

Tracey Miller-Zarneke called to order the regular meeting of the Environmental Committee at 6:02pm, on Monday, April 17th, 2017, in the City of El Segundo, City Hall West Conference Room, 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California, 90245.

2. ROLL CALL - The following Committee Members were present:

- Tracey Miller-Zarneke, Resident, Local Business, Committee Chair
- Corrie Zupo, Resident, Committee Vice-Chair
- Chris Lubs, El Segundo School District, Member
- Kevin Maggay, Local Business, Member
- Caroline Hawks, Resident, Member
- Rachel McPherson, Resident, Member

The following City staff members were present:

- Ken Berkman, City of El Segundo, Interim Public Works Director
- Julie Hegvold, City of El Segundo, Management Analyst

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None.

4. NEW BUSINESS: None.

5. REPORTS: CITY STAFF

A. Ken Berkman led discussion regarding Waste Hauling and contract and answered the Committee's questions as follows: Background - Under contract with Republic Services through October, 2018. Monday – Friday services to 3,900 customers, 12 city facilities, and downtown Main Street trash; special events – Shred events and “clean-up” week in April.; Curbside manual pickup. El Segundo is only city besides one in San Diego in Southern California that pays for residential trash pickup for its residents. Four units or greater – “commercial”. Current issues: blight, rodents, older trucks (equipment issues), rains make trash heavier. RFP is being drafted for consultant to assist with bid package for next contract. City hopes to have onboard by October 2017, and to award contract prior to October 2018. Considering formation of subcommittee for waste hauling.

- a) Can curbside organic waste be added? Or at least yard waste bins if not a food waste setup? Yes, requires going to City Council for approval. Curbside organics would combine with green waste, which does not currently exist in contract. (AB341 and AB1826)
- b) Is it time for El Segundo to consider asking its residents to pay for their own waste hauling, to bring single-family housing and the ever-increasing multi-family housing more in alignment? Why should homes get preferential treatment over HOAs when we all pay for property tax independently? The funds saved by the city can go towards infrastructure, staff retention or safety. The last RFP issued also did the Prop 218 ballot for residents and it did not pass. Reviewing requirements for current RFP at this time.
- c) Can residents sign up for only what they need? In other words, if they use only small cans can they/the City pay less per home? Not at this time.
- d) Is there an advantage/cost reduction to allowing residents to call for bulk pickups instead of having standard days set when few might be needed, or is it better to have standard days set with a longer route no matter how many pickups are needed? Current contract includes 4 bulky item pickups per year.



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- e) HOAs and apartments pick their own contractors. How does the city ensure all these vendors follow proper practices? For example, for current multi-housing residents that don't have recycling services, do you have any idea if our trash gets sorted and recycled at an MRF? The commercial vendors are required to have a city business license and must report their disposal information to CalRecycle as required by law. CalRecycle audits the city annually and reviews the information from each licensed vendor.
 - f) Is manual collection more or less expensive? If we switched to a more automated service, wouldn't the pick-ups generally be quicker and more efficient, which means less air emissions due to less idling time? Even if trucks are CNG that's still petroleum fuel which releases NOx, CO2, CO, etc. The overhead cost for automated collection services would be higher initially.
 - g) Can a waste-hauler bring in more sorted waste bins for around town, in public places? There are relatively few in our parks and city streets and this frustrates residents and visitors who expect this waste option from modern, responsible communities. Additional mixed-use bins are being added each year with grant funding as available (6-8 bins per year for past 3 years).
 - h) Can a waste-hauler add bottle deposit drop off machines somewhere, or is this a private practice set-up with a company like rePlanet? Right now we can go to Ralphs or Whole Foods, but it's not very convenient because if they're busy, they can't help. Bottle drop-off locations are private practices only.
- B. Julie indicated that Public Works had been notified there is an available ad space for Rec & Parks Community Summer brochure, but the ad must be submitted tomorrow. Rachel agreed to submit a "smart water" or similar ad to Julie by 3pm.

6. REPORTS: ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- A. Work Plan – Environmental Committee did not meet; Tracey distributed the Transportation Section to members to review. Tracey will mention Work Plan at City Council meeting on April 18th.
 - a. Procurement Policy – Kevin will not discuss proposed policy at City Council meeting on April 18th. Policy under review by City Attorney's office.
 - b. Tree Policy – Committee discussed private property verses city property tree removals. Committee discussed adding work into Urban Planning section of Work Plan. Julie to email City Newsletter to committee members so they can read the arborist article.
- B. Earth Day Booth – Tracey sent list of responsibilities to committee.
 - a. Caroline – to design "GoGreenGundo" hashtag to promote environmentally friendly practices.
 - b. Zip ties or bungee cords needed for Earth Day sign
 - c. Corrie – to confirm Tree Musketeers to be present from 4:30pm-6:30pm

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Meeting Minutes for the March 20, 2017 Environmental Committee Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved with the revision of moving the name of the public communications from Committee Members to Public Communications sections.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Tracey Miller-Zarneke adjourned the meeting at 7:23pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15th, 2017 at 6:00pm at City Hall – West Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by: Julie Hegvold
