



Agenda Report

September 12, 2018

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION CHAIR
SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT: JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 AND
WORK PLAN: JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is submitted for information purposes only.

Attached is the following:

- Annual Report of Accomplishments For July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018;
- Proposed Work Plan for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and
- Report of Commission Attendance for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

The Environmental Advisory Commission discussed the Annual Report at its regular meeting on September 11, 2018. The Commission reviewed its accomplishments for the past year, and formulated its Work Plan items for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Rossman, Chair
Environmental Advisory Commission

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS: JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018
AND WORK PLAN: JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

BACKGROUND:

As set forth in the Municipal Code, the primary function of the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) is to provide policy advice to the City Council for promoting environmental stewardship and urban sustainability in accordance with the City's adopted Environmental Charter, the City's adopted Climate Action Plan, and other related environmental policies adopted by the City Council.

The Commission consists of nine members with each Councilmember appointing one member and the Mayor appointing two members. See Attachment A for a roster of Commission members for Fiscal Year 2018. Members serve on several committees. See Attachment A for a roster of committees. Members are appointed for three years and may be reappointed to serve a maximum of six years.

On November 14, 2017, the Commission elected Daniel Rossman as Chair and Laura Garrett as Vice-Chair to serve until the end of the 2018 fiscal year. On June 19, 2018 the Commission re-elected Daniel Rossman as Chair and elected Deborah Dentler as Vice-Chair, to serve until the end of the 2019 fiscal year.

The EAC meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month in the Permit Center Hearing Room. Over this past fiscal year, the Commission met 12 times, including three special meetings, one of which was a retreat that was held in November 2017 at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church. The regular monthly meetings in October 2017, January 2018 and June 2018, were cancelled. Please see Attachment B for the FY2018 Attendance Record of each Commissioner.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS – JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018

1. Water Issues:

- a. Continue to evaluate and make recommendations to the City Council on upcoming issues and policies.
- b. Monitor progress of Water Integrated Resource Plan annually.
- c. Research, review, and recommend methods for short and long term water conservation and reuse.

STATUS: ON-GOING

The Commission twice heard public comments about the California WaterFix (i.e. 'delta tunnels') project. The Commission expressed interest in the project, including

how the City Council would direct its member on the Board of the Metropolitan Water District to vote on the project.

The Commission received a presentation from the Water & Power Department with a status update on water conservation, reuse and efficiency programs in the City.

The Commission did not discuss the Water Integrated Resource Plan except to express its desire to be involved in its creation when the effort begins in FY2019.

2. Energy Issues:

- a. Continue to evaluate and make recommendations to the City Council on upcoming issues and policies.
- b. Participate in and monitor the progress of the Energy Integrated Resource Plan annually.

STATUS: ON-GOING

The Commission gave comments on the Water and Power Department's solar program on August 9, 2016.

The Commission received presentations from the Water & Power Department on February 13, 2018 and June 19, 2018 on the initiation and status of the creation of the new Power Integrated Resource Plan, respectively. Commission Wolfson has participated in the Stakeholder Advisory Technical Group as a representative of the Commission.

3. Greenhouse Gases:

- a. Continue to review and provide input periodically throughout the development of the Climate Action Plan.

STATUS: ON-GOING

The Commission received a presentation on the Climate Action Plan from the Planning & Community Development Department on January 18, 2018 and recommended the City Council adopt the Plan.

The Commission discussed the Climate Action Plan on March 13, 2018, after its adoption by the City Council. The Commission also received status updates on the implementation and monitoring strategy of the Climate Action Plan from the Planning & Community Development Department on April 10, 2018 and May 8, 2018.

4. Zero Waste:

- a. Receive and review an annual report on progress on the Zero Waste Plan.
- b. Monitor City efforts to enforce 2016 Polystyrene Ban.

- c. Request and review a report concerning the City's efforts in multi-family residential recycling.
- d. Monitor City efforts to implement SB 1826 ('Solid waste: organic waste').

STATUS: ON-GOING

The Commission received a presentation from the Public Works Department with the statuses of the Zero Waste Strategic Plan, Polystyrene Food Packaging Ban Implementation, and the Pasadena Zero Waste Partner Program on August 8, 2017.

5. Green City Policy Monitoring:

- a. Monitor the progress in completing the initiatives in the Green City Action Plan, Environmental Charter, and Urban Environmental Accords. Advocate for a Sustainability Manager.
- b. Review compliance with the Urban Environmental Accords.
- c. Explore the creation of a methodology to measure the effectiveness of the City's 'green' actions.

STATUS: ON-GOING

The City's Green City Action Plan is no longer being prepared (sustainability-related items are now included in the City's Annual Report) so the Commission could not comment on it. The Commission continued to advocate for the creation of a new Sustainability Manager position, to report directly to the City Manager. The Commission also continued to lament the lack of a 'Green Team' comprised of City employees that would discuss and coordinate sustainability-related items across City Departments.

In January 2018, in conjunction with the adoption of the Climate Action Plan, the City Council adopted an ordinance modifying the Pasadena Municipal Code to remove the 2005 United Nations Green Cities Declaration and Urban Environmental Accords from the Commission's purpose and function. This was replaced with the recently adopted Climate Action Plan.

6. Arroyo Seco:

- a. Receive reports on key issues in the Arroyo Seco, including, but not limited to, water conservation, sediment, open space, and restoration.
- b. Commission appointees to the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee Participation (HWPAC) will actively participate in Committee meetings and provide updates to the EAC.
- c. Receive a presentation from the Mayor's Arroyo Advisory Group on the One Arroyo effort.
- d. Monitor the status of the proposed Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project.

STATUS: ON-GOING

The Commission continues to be represented on the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee Participation, although with the resignation of one Commissioner from the Commission, there has been a vacancy on the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee Participation for the last few months of the fiscal year.

The Commission did not receive a presentation on the Mayor's Arroyo Advisory Group on the One Arroyo effort.

The Commission received a presentation on August 8, 2017 from the Arroyo Seco Foundation on the status of the sediment removal project and related lawsuit. At the Commission's meeting of September 12, 2017 the Commission drafted a letter to the City Council requesting that the Council continue to oppose the sediment removal project as proposed by the proposed Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The Commission again discussed the project on November 4, 2017

7. General Plan Open Space & Conservation Element:

- a. Conduct annual review of the implementation of this Element.
- b. Review the "Open Space Inventory"; receive an update on the status of the identified parcels and what work has been done in the past year.
- c. Receive periodic updates on City efforts to establish one or more parks in the Playhouse District.

STATUS: ON-GOING

One of the Commission's ad hoc committees, Open Space & Conservation Element Evaluation, has continued to analyze the implementation measures and actions in the Open Space & Conservation Element to, in part, determine how other City actions, such as those in the Climate Action Plan, can achieve some of these implementation measures and actions.

8. Public Education and Outreach:

- a. Explore methods by which the Commission and the City can educate the public through various outreach strategies and resources, including the City's website.

STATUS: NOT COMPLETED

No Commission actions were initiated to achieve this goal.

9. Noise Pollution:

- a. Receive a report from the Environmental Health Division of the Public Health Department and the Police Department, including a record of enforcement of

existing noise pollution laws and ordinances, and make recommendations on how to address the matter of noise pollution.

STATUS: NOT COMPLETED

The Commission did not receive a report from Public Health or the Police Department on noise-related matters.

10. Urban Forest

- a. Research how the City's management practices and policies concerning natural open space and urban green space are affecting our urban forest, and what effect that may be having on the urban heat island effect and our greenhouse gas emissions/carbon exchange.

STATUS: NOT COMPLETED

No Commission actions were initiated to achieve this goal.

WORK PLAN – JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

The Environmental Advisory Commission will provide the Pasadena City Council with feedback on the implementation of the Climate Action Plan and policy and program recommendations to better the environmental quality of the community.

1. Climate Action Plan

Strategy 1: Sustainable Mobility and Land Use

- I. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council
- II. Collaborate with Transportation Advisory Commission to provide input regarding implementation of strategy

Strategy 2: Energy Efficiency and Conservation

- I. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council.
- II. Participate in and monitor the progress of the Energy Integrated Resource Plan through EAC representative and provide input to plan as commission.

Strategy 3: Water Conservation

- I. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council.
- II. Participate in the Water Integrated Resource Planning process through EAC representative and provide input as Commission.
- III. Research, review, and recommend methods for short and long term water conservation and reuse.

Strategy 4: Solid Waste Reduction

- I. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council.
- II. Receive and review an annual report on progress on the Zero Waste Plan.

Strategy 5: Urban Greening

- I. Monitor implementation of strategy and provide feedback to staff and council.
- II. Participate in the Hahamonga Watershed Park Advisory Committee through two EAC representatives.
- III. Review implementation of the Open Space & Conservation Element of the General Plan and make recommendations as needed.

2. Community Concerns - the Environmental Advisory Commission will address issues of community as long as they fall within mission of the EAC.

Potential Issues:

- I. Gas Leaf blowers
- II. Plastic Straws

ATTACHMENT A

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ROSTER
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

July 2017 – October 2017

MEMBER	DISTRICT
Chair Laura Garrett	District 7
Vice-Chair Asif Ahmed	District 1
Deborah Dentler	District 5
Paula Kelly	Mayor
Robert Kurkjian	At Large/District 4
Daniel Rossman	District 6
Edwina Travis-Chin	District 2
Julie Vallante	District 4
Morey Wolfson	District 3

November 2017 – February 2018

MEMBER	DISTRICT
Chair Daniel Rossman	District 6
Vice-Chair Laura Garrett	District 7
Asif Ahmed	District 1
Deborah Dentler	District 5
Paula Kelly	Mayor
Robert Kurkjian	At Large/District 4
Edwina Travis-Chin	District 2
Julie Vallante	District 4
Morey Wolfson	District 3

March 2018 - May 2018

MEMBER	DISTRICT
Chair Daniel Rossman	District 6
Vice-Chair Laura Garrett	District 7
Deborah Dentler	District 5
Paula Kelly	Mayor
Robert Kurkjian	At Large/District 4
Edwina Travis-Chin	District 2
Julie Vallante	District 4
Morey Wolfson	District 3
Vacant	District 1

March 2018 - June 2018

MEMBER	DISTRICT
Chair Daniel Rossman	District 6
Vice-Chair Laura Garrett	District 7
Deborah Dentler	District 5
Su Falcon	District 1
Paula Kelly	Mayor
Robert Kurkjian	At Large/District 4
Edwina Travis-Chin	District 2
Julie Vallante	District 4
Morey Wolfson	District 3

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee

EAC Representatives – Morey Wolfson and Asif Ahmed (until March 2018)

Power Integrated Resources Plan: Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group

EAC Representative – Morey Wolfson

Open Space & Conservation Element Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee

EAC Representatives – Laura Garrett, Paula Kelly and Edwina Travis-Chin

Environmental Advisory Commission Responsibility and Mission Ad Hoc Committee (retired June 2018)

EAC Representatives – Robert Kurkjian, Daniel Rossman, Julie Vallante,
and Morey Wolfson

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ATTACHMENT B

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018

COMMISSIONER	JUL (R)	JUL (S)	AUG (R)	SEP (R)	OCT (C)	NOV (S)	NOV (R)	DEC (R)	JAN (C)	JAN (S)	FEB (R)	MAR (R)	APR (R)	MAY (R)	JUN (C)	JUN (S)
Meeting Date:	7/11	7/18	8/08	09/12	10/10	11/04	11/14	12/12	1/09	1/18	2/13	3/13	4/10	5/08	6/12	6/19
Ahmed, Asif	C	E	P	P	C	P	E	E	C	E	E	E	—	—	—	—
Dentler, Deborah	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	E	P	P	P	P	C	P
Falcon, Su	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	P
Garrett, Laura	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	P
Kelly, Paula	C	E	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	E
Kurkjian, Robert	C	P	P	E	C	E	P	E	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	E
Rossmann, Daniel	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	E
Travis-Chin, Edwina	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	E	P	C	P
Vallante, Julie	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	E	P	P	P	C	P
Wolfson, Morey	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	C	P

Legend:

- P – Present
- E – Excused Absence
- U – Unexcused Absence
- R – Regular Meeting
- C – Cancelled Meeting
- S – Special Meeting