



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2024 - 6:00 PM

1. **ROLL CALL** Chair Cutter called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Present: Commissioners Cutter, Sheehan, Siegel, York, Sanborn, Fleming, Siler, Robb

Staff Present: Derrick Airitam, Senior Office Assistant

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

3. **MINUTES**

a. February 13, 2024

i) Vice Chair Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner York seconded. All in favor.

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a. Organics Management at the Local Level: Rose Bowl Stadium Case Study (Christine Lenches-Hinkel - 301 Organics Founder/Owner).

i) Christine gave a detailed presentation on composting and the importance of how it builds healthy soil. She went deep into the science behind it in terms of how it is an effective means of eliminating the need for chemical treatments. She was able to give a good understanding of the long-term benefits brought about from composting and the different forms of technology used to effectively manage this process. The Rose Bowl hosted one of the first composting sites where food waste has been shown to develop healthy soils. These food wastes essentially can be used as a natural resource.

b. Open discussion on Present and Future affairs by Commissioners

i) The commissioners had a brief discussion on potential upcoming Agenda items and presentations that they would like to request from Pasadena Water and Power and other Departments in the future.

5. **COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM STAFF**

6. **REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEES**

a. **Energy Committee** – (Chair: Cutter)

i) Vice Chair Sheehan gave a brief synopsis of what he gained from attending the previous MSC meeting involving the PWP Optimized Plan.

b. **Waste Reduction Committee** – (Chair: Fleming, Rep: Siler)

c. **Water Committee** – (Chair: Robb, Rep: Sheehan)

i) Discussed the possibility of a future presentation from Water relating to Budget-based rates.

d. **Urban Design Committee** – (Chair: Siegel)

e. **Preservation & Natural Areas Committee** – (Chair: York)

f. **Transportation Committee** – (Chair: Sanborn)

g. **Environmental Health Committee** – (Chair: Siler)

h. **Artificial Turf Ad Hoc Committee** – (Rep: Siler, Fleming, York)

i) There was a follow up on the Artificial Turf memo in progress and possibility a speaker from Caltech coming to speak on whether this is a problem or not. The EAC is seeking additional viewpoints for more credibility long-term.

i. **Utility Advisory Ad Hoc Committee** – (Chair: Siegel)

i) Commissioner Siegel had a previous discussion with a Utility Committee from Palo-Alto. The discussion included how the City needs more public oversight in areas such as MSC, where non-voting experts can be present and give additional influence. The Commission discussed drafting a letter to council to discuss the frameworks of this hypothetical.

j. **Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee** - (EAC Representative: York)

7. **COMMENTS AND REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSION**

a. Chair Cutter wants to discuss the CAP more in detail with the Acting General Manager of PWP.

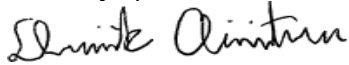
8. **NEXT MEETING – April 9, 2024**

9. **ADJOURNMENT: 8:30pm**

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