

FINAL ACTION MINUTES

I. Roll Call: Present – Caseber, Morgan, Bianco, Wood, Luten, Wozniak, Chatterjee, Grossman. Absent: Webster
Chair Jami Caseber. **Vice Chair**, LA Wood. **Secretary**, N. Al-Hadithy. **Intern**, J. Tulloch.

II. Report From Chair: Toxics Management Division (TMD) Staffing funding not approved.

III. Announcements from Commissioners:

?? LA Wood – Public Works & Commission on Aging should see CEAC work plan. Question on agenda concerning the Harrison St. issue. Not enough time to discuss.

?? Jami Caseber – LA Wood should act as Liaison to Commission on Aging.

?? Gordon Wozniak – Comment on Agenda Item IX.f. Object singling out Lawrence Berkeley Lab (LBL) on diesel power generation.

V. Comments from the Public:

?? Robert Clear – Passed on LBL diesel concerns to CEAC and referenced other generators.

?? Kate Bernier – Encourage CEAC to present to City Council on Electromagnetic fields (EMF) Issue.

VI. Presentations

?? Ed Murphy – Air Study, Skate Park Study, Creek Study.

?? Brad Ricard – Arsenic in play structures – update on actions taken.

VII. TMD Staff Report

Behind on CUPA (Certified Unified Program Agency) activities. Takara Sake ammonia release. New analyst. Public Works Notice of Violation (NOV). Hired temporary Toxicologist. Sent Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) to District Attorney.

VIII. Action

IX. Discussion/Action

Chair identified LA Wood as liaison for Commission on Aging.

CEAC identified Elmer Grossman to initiate discussions with Public Works for health effects of microwaves. Discussions to be based on FCC (Federal Communications Commission) defined health risks and also to keep apprised of San Francisco actions on the subject.

MOTION: The CEAC recommends that the City Council approve funding for ¼ General Fund FTE (fulltime employee) to develop an educational and outreach program on the use and health effects of wood smoke. (M/S/C Wozniak/Wood/ For: Caseber, Morgan, Bianco, Wood, Wozniak, Grossman. Against: Luten, Chatterjee. Absent: Webster. Resolution Adopted) *Chair communicated to City Council by e-mail 6.19.01. Time sensitive item.*

MOTION: The CEAC recommends that the City Council approve and direct the City Manager to include in this year's budget, the additional 1 FTE requested by Planning for the Toxics Management Division. (M/S/C Wood/Morgan/ For: Caseber, Morgan, Bianco, Wood, Luten, Chatterjee, Grossman. Abstain: Wozniak. Absent: Webster. Resolution Adopted). *Chair communicated to City Council by e-mail 6.19.01. Time sensitive item.*

MOTION: The CEAC recommends that it will hear subcommittee recommendations on the Initial Study for Harrison Skate Park at July meeting and request Council to delay the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) deadline for comments until July 11, 2001. (M/S/C Wozniak/Bianco/ For: Caseber, Wood, Luten. Against: Morgan, Wozniak, Grossman. Abstain: Bianco, Chatterjee. Absent: Webster. Resolution Not Adopted). *No action required.*

MOTION: The CEAC recommends that it will hear subcommittee recommendations on the Initial Study for Harrison Skate Park at July meeting and make comments after the deadline. (M/S/C Wood/Bianco/ For: Morgan, Luten, Wozniak, Grossman. Abstain: Caseber, Bianco, Wood, Chatterjee. Absent: Webster. Resolution Not Adopted). *No action required.*

MOTION: The CEAC recommends the following: 1. City not to purchase any CCA (chromium copper arsenate), pentachlorophenol or creosote treated wood. 2. City rely on engineered solutions, and should replace all existing structures treated with CCA, pentachlorophenol and creosote. 3. Test all playgrounds with treated wood historically and clean-up adversely impacted playgrounds. 4. Request appropriate funding to fast-track the replacement and clean-up within two years. 5. City Manager to find reliable solution to tracking the polluted park and playgrounds. 6. Staff to communicate the need to investigate, replace and clean up all non-city owned playgrounds within Berkeley. (M/S/C Wood/Morgan/ For: Caseber, Morgan, Bianco, Wood, Luten, Wozniak, Chatterjee. Against: Grossman. Absent: Webster. Resolution Adopted). *To be delivered - staff to initiate sampling of playgrounds this week.*