



**ACTION MINUTES - COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of December 6, 2007**

Community Environmental Advisory Commission

Present: Clear, Harris, Kibbey, MacKusick, Thompson, Truong, and Ungureanu.

Absent: None

Chair: Kibbey. Secretary: Al-Hadithy. Clerical Aide: Murphy.

Public Comment:

Number of public attendees: 3

Petria MacDonnell and Rod Wentler: Supporting wood smoke ordinance

Val Peters: Member of Trust.org for Cosco Busan oil spill. Request that the City provide oil for alternative clean up methods.

ACTIONS:

- **SUBJECT: November Minutes Review/Adoption**
Action: Motioned, Seconded, Pass (Harris/MacKusick. For: Clear, Harris, MacKusick, Thompson, Truong and Ungureanu. Against: None. Abstain: Kibbey, Absent: None) to adopt meeting minutes of November as written.
- **SUBJECT: Plastic Bags Ordinance**
Action: Motioned, Seconded, Passed (MacKusick/Harris. For: Clear, Harris, MacKusick, Thompson, Truong and Ungureanu. Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None)
CEAC requests that Zero Waste Commission include in the draft bag ordinance:
 - a) Paper bags have significant negative environmental impacts and the report to Council should list harm to environment of both plastic and paper bags, as provided by CEAC.
 - b) That the 25-cent paper bag fee should go towards subsidizing multiuse bags.
 - c) The City Manager should consider implementing a program that distributes 3-4 reusable bags to the citizens of Berkeley.
 - d) That ZWC give sources for all evidence cited in report.
 - e) Request that retailers provide the City with annual reporting of quantities of reusable and multi-use bags utilized and paper bag fees collected.

SUBJECT: Solar Roofing Council Letter

Action: Motioned, Seconded, Passed (MacKusick/Harris. For: Clear, Harris, MacKusick, Thompson, Truong and Ungureanu. Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None)
CEAC to write letter addressed to City Council, Mayor and City Manager applauding their efforts to support solar energy & reduce green house gasses by alternative financial mechanisms through special districts.

- **SUBJECT: 2008 CEAC Calendar**

Action: Motioned, Seconded, Passed (Harris/Truong. For: Clear, Harris, MacKusick, Thompson, Truong and Ungureanu. Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None)
CEAC will hold special meeting in January after the Pacific Steel Health Risk Assessment reviews are complete and cancel August regular meeting.

Announcements:

• **SUBJECT: Other Actions**

- a. Secretary swore in Lisa Thompson.
- b. Kibbey request that commissioners devote 2-3 hours per month of independent work. Asked each member to be prepared to bring information to meeting in February 2008.
- c. Clear presented information to CEAC regarding reliability of lead test tools. He requested information or link to Consumer Report website.
- d. Harris requested information on new legislation following Cosco Busan.
- e. Kibbey recommends that CEAC address all questions/concerns regarding the Woodsmoke Ordinance to him by next week. Clear will submit full data electronically for BAAQMD review. Secretary reported on challenge to new hearth installation by Rumford Fireplace Co. Former Chair Caseber sent in a supportive email and recommended additional education and flexibility.
- f. MacKusick reported the Ecology Center has developed a cart system for the green waste bins in Berkeley; approximately 2-3 million in funding is needed to implement the new system. Commissioner Harris request that this issue is included on the February agenda.
- g. CEAC to hold special meeting in January to discuss Pacific Steel Casting's Health Risk Assessment. Kibbey request the commissioners prepare comments prior to the meeting.

Other Actions:

- a. Secretary to send revisions to Bag Ordinance to ZWC.
- b. Secretary to send Clear information about the Rumford Company in Oregon and the open-hearth fireplace case.
- c. February agenda to include CEAC Workplan & Watershed plan.
- d. Thompson requests copy of latest Woodsmoke ordinance for comment.