



Community Environmental Advisory Commission

ACTION MINUTES - COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of February 4, 2010
2118 Milvia St, 1st Floor, Berkeley 94704

Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 7:15PM

Present: Greg Leventis (Chair), Anne Young Kim (Vice Chair), Janet Collins, Richard Harris.
Absent: Brooke Lee, Dennis Mulqueeney. Secretary: Nabil Al-Hadithy, Aide: Abigail Chente.

Public Comment: (5 members of the public)

Carole Marasovic – Healthy Air Coalition and Homeless Commission - wanted the Commission to consider a study of Harrison House air quality.

Michele Schurman – Owner of Paper Plus - discussed the outreach on “smart balloon practices” from the Balloon Council.

Donald Daniels – Balloon Artist/Paper Plus – reminded CEAC that Council asked for proof that animals were harmed by latex balloons.

Sara MacKusick – Community Conservation Center – outlined her Board’s plans to accept universal wastes and charge fees to reduce impact to City budget.

Joy Brown – Berkeley Public Works Environmental Compliance Specialist.

Secretary Report:

CUPA Conference and training for Toxics Management Division (TMD) staff.

Report from the Chair:

- Public Hearing regarding Pacific Steel Casting decision was held-off until the Feb. 11, 2010 ZAB meeting. ZAB has more leverage over Pacific Steel.
- Chair informed CEAC that the word “residential” was introduced by error into the restaurant wood smoke ordinance language.

Commission Actions:

1. Minutes for Approval

Recommendation: Adopt Minutes of December 3, 2009 Minutes as amended.

Action: Motioned/Seconded/Carried (Harris/Kim).

Votes: Ayes: Collins, Harris, Kim, Leventis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Lee, Mulqueeney.

2. Balloons - Review CEAC Proposal in light of Balloon Council Actions.

Recommendation: Commissioners appreciated the information sent by the Balloon Council for Responsible Retailer. The Commissioners recommended to change the word “Foil” in the information submitted, instead indicate balloons in general.

3. Universal Waste – Update on Provision of Service to the Public.

Recommendation: Kim reported on her tour with Mulqueeney to the Community Conservation Center (CCC) facility on December 13, 2009. Subcommittee also met with Councilmember Wozniak requesting his intervention with the County to reduce costs to the City. CCC presented a tentative fees list for larger drop-offs and exempting small residential drop-offs. Secretary pointed that CCC should be issuing a receipt to the businesses for TMD regulatory purposes.

4. Public Participation in High Risk Remediation Sites – TMD

Recommendation: Commissioners approved participation plan and on a case by case basis they will ask TMD to report on high-risk or high-visibility cases. TMD was not sufficiently technical to take on the function of the official public outreach body.

Action: Motioned/Seconded/Carried (Harris/Kim).

Votes: Ayes: Collins, Harris, Kim, Leventis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Lee, Mulqueeney.

5. CEAC Goals for 2010.

Recommendation:

- **Stormwater Management** – Harris distributed a CEAC Stormwater Management workplan. TMD will participate under the Enforcement/Permit Review.
- **Water Conservation** – Leventis requesting for the data on City water usage. Need to ask for City authority.
- **Universal Waste** – Collins focused on Measure G progress and would like to work on Universal Waste questions.

6. CEAC Elections 2010

Recommendation: Election for Chair and Vice-Chair

Leventis for Chair.

Action: Motioned/Seconded/Carried (Kim/Harris).

Votes: Ayes: Unanimous. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Lee, Mulqueeney.

Kim for Vice-Chair.

Action: Motioned/Seconded/Carried (Harris/Collins).

Votes: Ayes: Unanimous. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Lee, Mulqueeney.

Other Actions

- Collins requested Secretary to provide a breakdown of Universal Waste collections and costs in Berkeley.
- Secretary to report to CEAC on any outcome of negotiations between Wozniak and Alameda County Waste Authority for free pick-up and disposal of fluorescent bulbs and other UW at CCC.
- Secretary will review the EPA Grant Application for community & environmental health.
- CEAC requested Secretary to pursue permission to disclose City's Water Usage from EBMUD.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.