

CITY OF ALHAMBRA

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **Regular Meeting** of the Alhambra Environmental Committee will be held on **Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, on the second floor of the Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. First St., Alhambra, California,** pursuant to the President of the Environmental Committee and Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California.

An agenda of such regular meeting is attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

Paolo Kespradit, Committee Secretary

Notice #: N2M17- 71

Dated: July 10, 2017

**CITY OF ALHAMBRA
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, July 13, 2017 - 7:00 pm
Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. First St.
Conference Room A, Second Floor**

I. Roll Call

Joseph Fong
John Vuong
Kim Luu
Lillian De Loza-Gutierrez
Daniel Lewis

II. Flag Salute.

III. MINUTES FOR MEETINGS OF MARCH 9, 2017

Recommended Action: That the committee review and approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 12, 2017.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Each year the committee is appointed by the City Council. At that time it is appropriate to conduct an election to determine which members will chair the meeting as president and in the event the chair cannot attend the meeting, determine which member will step in as Vice President to conduct the meeting.

Recommended Action: That the Committee elect a new president and vice president to chair the meeting.

V. SOLAR COMPACTOR SYSTEM

Grant funds are available from CalRecycle to promote recycling beverage containers. With the approval of CalRecycle, the City of Alhambra purchased 11 solar compactor systems from Big Belly Inc. The company provides solar compactors that compresses its contents, to gain the unit's capacity, so it doesn't have to be emptied as often. Fewer collections mean cost saving for labor, fuel and maintenance and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Recommended Action: Information only. No action required

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Discussion from the public of any item not specified on the agenda. Comments are welcome, but must pertain to the business of the Alhambra Environmental Committee. Please limit all oral communication to five (5) minutes. Speakers must fill out a blue speaker's card, prior to the meeting and submit it to the Committee Secretary. Comments must pertain to the business of the Environmental Committee. Please limit all oral communications to five (5) minutes.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Discussion from the Committee members of any item not specified on the agenda. Items must pertain to the business of the Alhambra Environmental Committee.

VIII. Adjournment

If you wish to address the Committee during the meeting, please complete a speaker's card and give it to the secretary. When making your presentation, please give your name and address for the record. Please make your statement as brief as possible. The maximum time for addressing the Committee is five minutes.

If you wish to address the Committee on an item which appears on the agenda, your comments will be heard during the Committee's discussion of that item. If you wish to address the Committee on a subject which does not appear on the agenda, but is of an environmental concern, your comments will be heard under Public Comments. Please be advised that under the State of California's Ralph M. Brown Act, the committee cannot take action on any item which does not appear on the agenda.

Copies of staff reports or other written documentation relating to each item of business described above are on file in the Management Services office and are available for public inspection upon request during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any question concerning agenda items should be directed to Paolo Kespradit, Management Assistant at (626) 570-5011.

Unofficial until adopted by the
Environmental Committee

May 11, 2017
Action Item III
Approve

MINUTES
Environmental Committee
Regular Meeting of March 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Environmental Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2017 at Alhambra City Hall, 111 S. First Street, Conference Room A, Alhambra, CA.

I. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Yamauchi, Luu, Vuong

Committee Members Absent: Fong

Also Attending: Environmental Resources Director, Jarvis.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

After discussion of the Superfund Site issue and how the Lowe's project and Vapor Intrusion Barriers fit into the issue, the minutes for January 12, 2017 were approved as written, on the motion of Vuong with a second by Luu.

IV. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY

Staff provided a brief overview of the background for the LACCE program and upon approval of the committee members, showed the videotaped presentation made by Gary Gero, Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Officer, at the regular meeting of the Alhambra City Council on January 23, 2017. Yamauchi expressed concern that there was no mention of continuation of programs that benefit the senior/disabled/low-income population. Staff clarified that those programs are provided through a tax levied to all customers and that those programs would continue regardless of which company was providing energy. A discussion ensued regarding the manner in which "green" energy is delivered to the customer and there was concern over a customer paying for "green" energy, but receiving other types of energy. Staff explained that the quality of the energy does not change based on its source, but the source affects the overall carbon footprint from energy generation and that even though a customer might pay for 100% "green" energy, the actual energy would be comingled, much the way water would mix together. Energy actually transmitted to customers would be a combination of "green" or not "green" energy, but greater the purchase of "green" energy, the greater the overall reduction in the carbon footprint from energy generation. Environmentally minded customers would be attracted to this reduction. The committee inquired as to which cities could participate and staff explained that only cities that are currently served by SCE would be eligible. The committee requested that staff continue to keep them informed on how the LACCE progresses.

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V. RECYCLED BEVERAGE CONTAINER ART CONTEST

Staff described the art contest, which will be held in conjunction with the Eco Fair on April 30, 2017. The committee members were invited to attend to act as judges. All three committee members agreed that they would like to participate as judges.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VII. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Vuong stated that he felt the recycling bins should be reconfigured to source separate various types of recyclable material and stated that he was unsure about what materials can be recycled. Yamauchi said that information about specific recyclable materials can be found on the website. Staff offered that if there is doubt about the material it should be put in the regular trash bin so that the recycled material is not contaminated and described the process for separating recyclable materials at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Staff further explained how the MRF facilities operate and offered to organize a tour of a facility if the committee was interested.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM to the next regular meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

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