

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Judith Mitchell, Chair
Judy Bayer
Deborah Davis
Britt Huff
Craig Knickerbocker
William Larson
Rod Paulsen

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

David Amin
Bridget Stamos

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Grammer, Assistant to the City Manager
Kelley Thom, Associate Planner

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

REVIEW OF CITY'S GREEN ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND COMMITTEE
NOTEBOOK

Assistant to the City Manager Grammer and Associate Planner Thom provided an overview of the City's green accomplishments and reviewed regulatory and background information on a variety of environmental issues that was assembled in a resource notebook for each Committee member. The Committee complimented staff on putting together such comprehensive notebook and for using a binder that was made of recycled material.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Assistant to the City Manager Grammer summarized the staff report and reviewed potential goals and objectives for the Environmental Advisory Committee. He also summarized the status of the City's greenhouse gas emissions inventory. He added that the list of suggested goals was put together by The Institute for Local Government, a research affiliate of the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities, to assist cities in the development of a Climate Action Plan. The list of goals relate to energy efficiency and conservation, water and wastewater systems, green building, water reduction and recycling, climate-friendly purchasing, renewal energy and low-carbon fuels, efficient transportation, land use and community design, storing and offsetting carbon emissions, and promoting community and individual actions.

Member Davis expressed interest in requiring green building LEED standards on development in the commercial district. Chair Mitchell indicated that the City is waiting for a legal opinion from the City Attorney on imposing selective requirements.

Member Larson expressed interest in pursuing goals related to water conservation and guidelines for drought-tolerant landscaping.

Chair Mitchell suggested that the Committee prioritize the list of goals at the next meeting and requested that it be placed on the next agenda.

PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK

Assistant to the City Manager Grammer summarized the staff report on the preparation of an Environmental Handbook to highlight the City's environmental programs and activities.

The Committee discussed content, size, method of distribution and printing requirements of the book. It was the consensus of the Committee that the handbook should be posted on the City's website and that a limited number of handbooks be printed. Committee Member Huff suggested that the staff contact the PV News about printing sections of the handbook.

Member Davis moved, seconded by Member Larson

TO DIRECT STAFF TO BRING BACK PRINTING COSTS FOR PRODUCTION OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF HANDBOOKS.

There being no objection, Chair Mitchell so ordered.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chair Mitchell stated that she would like the Committee to review and consider a City Ordinance that addresses water conservation and requested that it be placed on the next agenda.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 22, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Grammer, Assistant to the City Manager

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