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**Agenda**  
City of Vernon  
Regular Green Vernon Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 03:30 PM  
City Hall, Council Chamber  
4305 Santa Fe Avenue  
Vernon, California  
Hector Garcia, Chairperson  
Jim Andreoli Jr., Commission Member  
Alan Franz, Commission Member  
Ron Daerr, Commission Member  
Frane Sosic, Commission Member  
Vacant, Commission Member (Labor Rep. No. 1)  
Vacant, Commission Member (Labor Rep. No. 2)

**CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
At this time the public is encouraged to address the Green Vernon Commission on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The public will also be given a chance to comment on matters which are on the posted agenda during Commission deliberation on those specific matters.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. **City Administration**  
   Los Angeles River Path Project Presentation  
   By: Metro Representatives

   Recommendation:  
   A. No action required by the Commission. This is a presentation only.
ELECTIONS

2. City Clerk
   Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to Serve until the Next Annual Election

   Recommendation:
   A. Find that election of chairperson and vice chairperson does not constitute a “project” pursuant to section 15378(b)(2) of the Guidelines to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because it constitutes an administrative activity; and even if the adoption of the proposed resolution did constitute a project, it would be exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
   B. Elect one of its members as Chairperson for a term to expire June 30, 2019; and
   C. Elect one of its members as Vice Chairperson for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

MINUTES

3. City Clerk
   Minutes of the Regular Green Vernon Commission Meeting Held June 21, 2017

   Recommendation:
   A. Receive and File
   Green Minutes 6-21-2017.doc

4. City Clerk
   Minutes of the Joint Special Green Vernon Commission Meeting Held on May, 1, 2018

   Recommendation:
   A. Receive and File
   Joint Special Meeting Minutes 05-01-2018.docx

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POSSIBLE DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

5. Health and Environmental Control Department
   Senate Bill (SB) 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants, Methane Emissions, Dairy and Livestock, Organic Waste and Landfills

   Recommendation:
   A. Find that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because the discussion is a continuing administrative activity that will not result in direct or
indirect physical changes in the environment and, therefore, does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, and that even if such were a project, it would be exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment; and

B. Discuss SB 1383 and provide direction to staff regarding potential strategies that may meet newly imposed regulatory requirements.

ORAL REPORTS
Brief reports, announcements, or directives to staff from the Commissioners and Commission Officers.

Next regular meetings: June 19, 2019 at 3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the City of Vernon City Hall, located at 4305 Santa Fe Avenue, Vernon, California, and on the City’s website, not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting date set forth on this agenda. Dated this 14th day of March, 2019.

By: __________________________________________

Maria E. Ayala
City Clerk
SUBJECT
Los Angeles River Path Project Presentation
By: Metro Representatives

Recommendation:
A. No action required by the Commission. This is a presentation only.

Background:
The LA River Path Project is a proposed eight-mile, shared-use bicycle and pedestrian path extension between Elysian Valley through Downtown Los Angeles to the City of Vernon, closing the longest remaining continuous gap in the Los Angeles River Bike Path. Metro, along with a number of local and regional organizations, has identified closing the gap in the Los Angeles River Bike Path between Elysian Valley and Vernon as a high priority walking and biking infrastructure project. When complete, this facility will provide a seamless 32-mile grade-separated regional corridor for walking and bicycling through the heart of Los Angeles County, connecting Long Beach to the San Fernando Valley along the River.

In September 2016, Metro completed a Feasibility Study on the project. The study consisted of conducting an inventory of the project area, including real estate and right-of-way ownership; conceptual engineering analyses of alternative alignments; hydraulic analysis of the most constraining alternative; and detailed study of the surrounding neighborhoods and the infrastructure for walking and bicycling in and through them. The study assumed a path along the west bank of the river, consistent with the existing paths at the project’s northern and southern termini. The study demonstrates that although technical challenges and physical constraints exist, closing the 8-mile gap is feasible through various engineering solutions.

Metro is currently in the Conceptual Design phase of the project development and has been gathering additional information about existing conditions, engaging the public and stakeholders, and is beginning to identify potential design alternatives. Metro has hosted numerous community based meetings and is currently conducting an online survey to gather more public input on the project. In the next project phase, Metro will work to environmentally clear and fulfill all permitting requirements for this project under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Public outreach and community engagement will continue throughout this phase of the project.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

ATTACHMENTS

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SUBJECT
Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to Serve until the Next Annual Election

Recommendation:
A. Find that election of chairperson and vice chairperson does not constitute a “project” pursuant to section 15378(b)(2) of the Guidelines to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because it constitutes an administrative activity; and even if the adoption of the proposed resolution did constitute a project, it would be exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and

B. Elect one of its members as Chairperson for a term to expire June 30, 2019; and

C. Elect one of its members as Vice Chairperson for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Background:
It is recommended that the Green Vernon Commission conduct its annual election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson pursuant to the Vernon Municipal Code. The "Elections" for the Chair and Vice-Chair are typically held in the June Meeting for the Commission. However, due to various vacancies and cancelled meetings, the annual process has not taken place. The recommendation is to choose a Chair and Vice-Chair, and to administer the Elections process again in June 2019 (for terms effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020), as normal.

Section 2.148 (a) of the Vernon Municipal Code states that “[t]he Commission shall have a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, who shall be from different appointing categories pursuant to section 2.146(a).”

Section 2.148 (b) of the Vernon Municipal Code states that “[t]he Commission members shall elect the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson annually. No Commission member may serve as Chairperson for more than two (2) consecutive years. The Chairperson shall preside over all Commission meetings and shall have the power to appoint subcommittees and the presiding chairs of those subcommittees. The Vice Chairperson shall, in the absence of the Chairperson, perform the duties of the Chairperson.”

The Chair and the Vice Chair must be from different appointment categories. The members of the three appointment categories are as follows:

Vernon’s Business Community
1. Jim Andreoli, Jr.
2. Alan Franz
3. Ron Daerr
Labor Representatives
1. Vacant
2. Vacant

Environmental Representative
1. Hector Garcia
2. Fran Sosic

**Fiscal Impact:**
None.

ATTACHMENTS

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Hector Garcia, David Honda, Jim Andreoli Jr., Jose Lizarraga, Jaime Villanueva

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Gavina, Armando Espinoza

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Chairperson Garcia; he also led the Flag Salute.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Garcia announced that this was the time allotted for public comment and inquired whether anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission. The public will also be given a chance to comment on matters which are on the posted agenda during Commission deliberation on those specific matters.

Rachel Oster and Erin Merrill, owner & principal of Diversion Strategies, briefly introduced their company which opened about 3 months ago.

MINUTES – TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

1. Minutes of the Regular Green Vernon Commission Meeting held March 15, 2017

It was moved by Honda and seconded by Villanueva to approve the March 15, 2017 Minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POSSIBLE DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

1. Sustainability Awards - Sub-Committee Report

Commissioner Honda briefly reported on the activities of the Sustainability Awards Sub-Committee. He explained the three award categories: Environmental Net Positive, Community Impact, and Innovation.

2. Worker Safety Education and Outreach - Sub-Committee Report

Commission came to a consensus to Table this item to the next Green Vernon Commission Meeting.
ORAL REPORTS

3. Brief reports on activities, other brief announcements, and directives to staff.

Health & Environmental Control Director Keith Allen briefly reported on the Annual E-Waste Recycling event held on May 22nd. He also announced that the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) has approached the City to put a place holder for the July 18, 2017 City Council Meeting to present their plan for the final draft Environmental Impact Report on Exide.

Chair Garcia inquired if there would be a presentation and asked if the information would be available prior to the meeting. Director Allen replied that a presentation would be provided at the meeting, and that DTSC is working on providing all relevant information.

Commissioner Honda inquired if there was any report about Ordinance 415.


Commissioner Honda inquired if there was any update on Exide. A lengthy dialogue ensued between staff and Commission regarding the Exide outreach event, clean-up, testing of the soil, mobile blood lead testing and reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for the clinical health services provided to the City’s residents and workers.

4. Upcoming Meetings:

A. Next regular meeting: September, 20, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, at 3:49 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Hector Garcia
Chair

ATTEST:

Maria E. Ayala, CMC
Secretary
CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by City Clerk Maria Ayala; she also led the flag salute.

City Clerk Ayala took roll call and noted that the City Council and Green Vernon Commission were the only bodies to make up a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT
At this time the public is encouraged to address the members of the various governing bodies on any matter on the posted agenda.

No public comment provided.

TRAINING

Human Resources Director Michael Earl conducted the training.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, at 12:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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Yvette Woodruff-Perez
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maria E. Ayala
City Clerk
SUBJECT
Senate Bill (SB) 1383: Short-Lived Climate Pollutants, Methane Emissions, Dairy and Livestock, Organic Waste and Landfills

Recommendation:
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B. Discuss SB 1383 and provide direction to staff regarding potential strategies that may meet newly imposed regulatory requirements.

Background:
Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) are powerful climate forcers that remain in the atmosphere for a much shorter period of time than longer-lived climate pollutants, such as carbon dioxide (CO2). They include methane, fluorinated gases including hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and black carbon. SLCPs are harmful air pollutants, thus reducing these emissions can make an immediate beneficial impact on climate change and improve public health. SB 1383 directed the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to approve and begin implementing a plan to reduce emissions of SLCPs by January 1, 2018, and set statewide 2030 emission reduction targets for methane, HFCs, and anthropogenic black carbon. Staff is seeking input from the Green Vernon Commission regarding potential measures the City may need to implement in order to ensure compliance with SB 1383, such as:

- Increasing education and outreach efforts to Vernon businesses
- Highlighting best practices already being employed by Vernon businesses
- Increasing engagement from City Boards and Community members

Fiscal Impact:
None.

ATTACHMENTS