



PCPB Environmental Subcommittee MARCH 9th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Zoom conference
March 9th, 2022

General

Meeting called to order at 5:51 pm by Mandy Havlik.

Present: Mandy Havlik, Eva Schmitt, Angela Vedder, Tina Compton, Margaret Virissimo, Nicole Burgess, Ana Birmingham, Caleb Rogart, Ashlea Vedder

Approval of the previous meeting minutes. Mandy makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from last month. Eva seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

ACTION ITEMS

a. Review and approve letter of recommendation regarding street sweeping schedule and signage. Letter prepared by HS liaisons. (HS Liaisons)

Mandy shares the letter with the group and opens it up for discussion and friendly amendments.

Nicole asks for clarification on the context of the letter.

The letter is a project the high school liaison students worked on to address one of the many environmental issues that the group has spoken upon.

The two students chose to focus on the deficit in street sweeping and the lack of parking enforcement that would allow for consistent street sweeping. This is an environmental issue as the debris in the streets goes through the drains and ends up affecting our oceans.

The high school liaisons will be presenting this letter to the main board at the March meeting.

Angela emphasizes that the point about enforcement needs to be prominent in the letter.

Nicole recommends making the letter more condensed and outlining the recommendations in bullet points.

Nicole recommends including the relationship between street sweeping and the environment at the beginning of the letter to emphasize that this suggestion is an environmental issue.

Mandy shares the original draft outline of the letter, which is already in bulleted format.

Mandy makes a motion to approve the letter of recommendation for street sweeping enforcement, signage, and education to be approved and go to the PCPB for final consideration.

Motion passes unanimously.

The student liaisons will present this letter at the main board meeting.

b. Review and rank proposed environmental improvements added to the environmental spreadsheet of issues to address in our community. (Mandy Havlik)

Mandy shares a spreadsheet containing environmental improvement opportunities.

The group reviews a list of the environmental issues and adds several areas of concern to the list.

Eva wants to include advocating for solar on all public buildings, as opposed to limiting the recommendation to school buildings.

Anna wants to include implementing composting programs in schools.

Mandy will send an email to D2 staff concerning the composting implementation.

Nicole suggests including the student liaisons in writing a letter to the city concerning composting.

Angela asks the students if a “walk to the school day” would be possible.

Anna suggests focusing on carpooling, rather than walking.

Margaret suggests recommendation that the community takes part in the environmental resiliency plans within San Diego.

Eva would like to follow up on the city's use of pesticides in parks.

Eva shares that Matt emphasized drought-resistant and native plants in public spaces. Matt spoke of wanting to work this into HOA planting lists.

Mandy would like to include land acknowledgments within the board meetings.

Nicole includes food security in the list, as well as improving mobility and walkability in neighborhoods.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. The Climate Reality Project Presentation- a presentation on the local and global effects of climate change and what your group can do to create a better future for the planet from a climate reality certified leader. (Ashlea Vedder)

Ashlea shares a presentation titled "The Truth in Ten", which addresses three questions involving the climate crisis; should we change, can we change, and will we change?

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm by Mandy Havlik.

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