

**Natural Resources Commission  
Minutes  
October 22, 2012**

**Commissioners:**

Present: Dean Newberry (Chair); Eugene Wilson (Vice Chair), Clifton McFarland, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, and Ben Bourne.

Absent: Jill Baty, Lindsay Lynch (Alternate), Planning Commission Liaison (vacant)

Staff: Jacques DeBra, NRC Liaison

Council Liaison: Joe Krovoza

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**1. Roll Call**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Add NRC Priorities discussion by Council Liaison, motion to approve passed, AYES 6-0.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve September 24 Minutes passed, AYES 6-0

**4. Commission and Staff Announcements:**

Staff announcements: Welcome new alternate NRC commissioner Lindsay Lynch.

**5. Council Liaison Comments:**

City Council discussed NRC priorities at their September 25 meeting and provided an update for six separate issues recommended by the NRC.

**6. Public Communications:**

None.

**Consent Calendar**

**7. Motion to pull item A passed, AYES 6-0.**

## Regular Calendar

### 8. **Receive City Climate Action Plan Update**

Staff provided a brief update on a wide variety of issues being worked on related to implementing the Plan over time. Some of the highlights included discussion of updating the Community GHGe inventory, efforts to reduce GHGe in City operations, community engagement in Cool Davis initiatives, Zipcar program use rate, PVUSA lease, as well as other projects under development.

### 9. **Receive Energy Efficiency Ordinance for New Construction**

The Energy Subcommittee briefly discussed the draft Ordinance as a preliminary concept that could be pursued in the context of the City's Climate Action Plan efforts. Staff recommendation was to defer the draft Ordinance policy to Community Development for further review and analysis. Motion to refer to Community Development for further review and analysis and return to the NRC for further discussion passed 5-0.

### 10. **NRC Subcommittee Reports**

Energy: Working on CCA and Energy Efficiency Ordinance issues, interested to see which NRC comments get incorporated into Transportation Element.

Water Management: Will provide staff with final review and feedback on NRC 20% Demand Reduction Plan item.

Zero Waste: Discussed NRC priorities from Sept. 25 Council discussion and items related to the subcommittee including residential variable rate issue.

Wood Smoke: City Council considering mandatory wood burning ordinance at the October 23, 2012 City Council Meeting.

### 11. **Long Range Calendar**

Add City GHGe Inventory update and Energy Efficiency Ordinance items to the long range calendar.

**Adjourn: 9:45 p.m.**