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**TORRANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION
COMMISSION AGENDA
FEBRUARY 03, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MAY
TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. FLAG SALUTE:**
- 3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, January 27, 2022
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**
- 5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items not on the agenda under the subject matter of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Please do not use Bluetooth or speaker devices, mute the volume on your television or other electronic devices and speak clearly. Your phone call to the Commission meeting will be recorded as part of the meeting. By staying on the line and making public comment during the meeting, you are agreeing to have your phone call recorded.

- 6. CONSENT CALENDAR**
Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

ROLL CALL: Dewitt _____ Endo-Roberts _____ Love _____ Montgomery _____ Seferian _____ Stecker _____ Chairperson Wright _____
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6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 2, 2021

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION CLIMATE SMART AWARD SUB COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE SUMMARY OF YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING.

7B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO REVIEW DRAFTS OF NOMINATION FORM AND CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR CLIMATE SMART AWARD PROGRAM.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that the Commission review the draft nomination form and award certificate and provide input in order to create final drafts.

7C. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A SUB COMMITTEE TO PRESENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE CLIMATE SMART AWARD PROGRAM TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE SCHEDULED

9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

10A. Adjournment of Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission Meeting, tentatively, to Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021, in the West Annex Commission meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Dewitt, Endo-Roberts, Montgomery, Seferian, Stecker, and Chairperson Wright.

Absent: Commissioner Love.

Also Present: Staff Liaison Cessna.

MOTION: Commissioner Dewitt moved to grant Commissioner Love an excused absence for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Endo-Roberts and passed by a 6-0 roll call vote (with Commissioner Love absent).

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Dewitt.

3. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Staff Liaison Cessna reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on November 24, 2021.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 4, 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Seferian moved to approve the November 4, 2021, Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Commissioner Stecker abstaining, Commissioner Love absent).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. TORRANCE CLIMATE SMART AWARDS

Recommendation of the Deputy Community Development Director that the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission review outreach materials and plans for the Climate Smart Award Program, provide feedback and appoint a three member Ad Hoc Outreach Committee.

Staff Liaison Cessna put together a draft flyer and agenda for various commissions; Staff Liaison Cessna suggested to appoint an Ad Hoc committee with groups of three that will attend commissions to present a program of awards (Youth Council, Library, and Water). Staff Liaison Cessna will contact other liaisons to see if they can get on the February agendas; the following Commissioners are interested in the following commissions: **Water Commission** - Commissioners Seferian, Montgomery, and Chairperson Wright. **Youth Council Commission** - Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Love, and Montgomery. **Library Commission** - Commissioners Dewitt, Endo-Roberts and Seferian.

Commissioner Stecker inquired about the type of award that will be presented to the Climate Smart Award winners; Staff Liaison Cessna mentioned certificates. Commissioner Stecker presented a nominee form as a guideline to use for future reference.

Staff Liaison Cessna informed the commissioners about the next council meeting and the discussion to revert to virtual meetings, this will not be confirmed until after December 7, 2021.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None Scheduled.

9. **COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

John-Milo Ernst with the Youth Council spoke.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts, Dewitt, Montgomery, Stecker, Seferian, and Chairperson Wright spoke.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

10A. Adjournment of the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission meeting, tentatively to Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: At 7:54 p.m., Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to adjourn this meeting to February 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Seferian with a unanimous roll call vote, with Commissioner Love absent.

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TORRANCE CLIMATE SMART AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Climate Smart Awards is a program being implemented by the Environmental Quality Commission in support of the Stewardship of the Environment Priority in the 2021 Strategic Plan. The goal of the award is to highlight people, businesses and organizations within Torrance that through services and actions clearly demonstrate the importance of environmental stewardship. The award categories are defined below. Nominations may be submitted at any time. Awards are distributed twice per year.

Your Name:
Your Phone Number:
Your Email:

Nominee's Name:
Nominee's Address:
Nominee's Phone Number:
Nominee's Email:

Please check one of the following award categories:

- CLIMATE SMART ENERGY:** Recognizes outstanding achievements in clean energy or energy efficiency such as all electric and zero net energy transportation, reduce energy demand, reduce or eliminate greenhouse gas emissions.
- CLIMATE SMART WATER:** Recognizes achievements in water conservation through implementation, planning and promotion of water conservation efforts.
- CLIMATE SMART YOUTH:** Recognizes Torrance youth age 18 and under for outstanding leadership in climate change and building awareness and engagement of their peers, school and/or community.
- CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY:** Recognizes an individual member of the Torrance community or a community group that has provided outstanding support to the implementation and goals of the strategic as it permit pertains to environmental stewardship.
- CLIMATE SMART BUSINESS:** Recognizes commercial businesses that demonstrate achievements in any and all areas, including but not limited to Clean Bay Restaurant standards.

Please briefly describe the achievements of the nominee and why you feel this Individual or group's efforts have significantly improved community life in Torrance.

Please return your nomination form to the Environmental Quality Division
Community Development Dept. 3031 Torrance Blvd. Torrance 90503
Or email to CDDinfo@TorranceCA.GOV Phone (310) 618-5929

TORRANCE CLIMATE SMART AWARD

AWARDED TO

East High School Landscape Club

In recognition of

Drought tolerant landscaping projects 2022

Chair, Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy
Conservation Commission