



## City of Buena Park

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### MINUTES BEAUTIFICATION-ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION October 24, 2019

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Beautification-Environmental Commission met in a regular session on October 24, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6650 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Miller

#### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Brown, Lopez, McKinney, Miller, Qureshi, Rollins, Sonne

**STAFF:** Doug Brodowski, Operations Manager; Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR: (1)**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2019

**\*\*M/S/P McKinney/Rollins – Approval of meeting minutes of September 26, 2019.**

#### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **OLD BUSINESS: (1-5)**

##### **1. Resolution in Support of Balanced Energy Solutions and Local Choice**

Doug Brodowski reported at the City Council meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> the discussion topic was *resolution in support of balanced energy solutions and local choice*. The purpose was to adopt a resolution supporting the protection of customer choice, to protect consumer's right to use of gas or electricity. The City was approached by SoCalGas about adopting this resolution. The Council has requested that the BE Commission review the resolution and articles of information and submit their recommendation.

SoCalGas Representative, Lanae O'Shields addressed the Commission. O'Shields explained that SoCalGas is in favor of allowing cities in Southern California local control of its energy options, while still striving to meet green house gas emissions as required by the State air quality goals. Southern California Edison Representative, Jessica Fernandez addressed the Commission. Fernandez explained SCE is in favor of consumer choice and the benefits of electricity as a cleaner alternative to achieve zero emissions over time.

The BE Commission vote to support was 4 (Yes) in favor of signing the resolution; 3 (No) not in favor of signing the resolution. Brodowski will report the commission vote to City Council.

##### **2. Good Environmental Citizen Recognition Program**

Operations Manager Doug Brodowski reported that at the September 19<sup>th</sup> study session, the City Council discussed the potential ban of Expanded Polystyrene foam products. Brodowski reported that after a brief discussion, the Council reinforced their previous direction that the BE Commission create a public awareness program encouraging residents and restaurants to use alternative products in place of Expanded Polystyrene.

Commissioners are asked to not make direct contact; the Council recommends that the commission reach out to restaurants/businesses via US mail to promote a voluntarily effort to eliminate the use of Polystyrene products. Brodowski stated that the commission can now move forward with the *Good Environmental Citizenship Recognition Program*. Staff will obtain a mail list of restaurants in Buena Park to do mail out promotions of the program. Nominations will be reviewed by the commission as they are submitted.

### **3. Community Clean Up Program**

The BE Commission reviewed the proposed "*Community Clean-Up*" program outline created by Vice Chair McKinney. Doug Brodowski stated that he shared the proposed program with the City's Human Resource Department. HR Department advises that this program include City and Commission involvement and all participants need to sign a liability waiver. Vice Chair McKinney stated he would be willing to attend clean-up events to ensure it's grown and success. Community Clean-Up applications will be subject to Commission review and approval. Staff will finalize the program logistics and format the packet then submit to the City Manager's office for approval/input before it is shared with the City Council.

### **4. Silverado Days BEC Booth Review**

The BE Commission participated in the Silverado Days BEC information booth on Saturday, October 19, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The spin wheel prizes included BEC water bottles, BEC tote bags, candy and succulent plants. In addition, West Coast Arborist provided the opportunity for BP residents to receive a free tree. Next year, fellow City commissions will be invited to participate in the booth for the three day event.

### **5. Beautification-Environmental Awards Review**

The BE Commission agreed the 2019 Beautification-Environmental Awards tour went well; winners were presented with an award at the City Council meeting on October 5, 2019.

## **NEW BUSINESS: (1-8)**

### **1. Santa Ana Watershed Ambassador Program (Sonne)**

The Certified Watershed Ambassador Program is offered at no-cost to local government staff and officials in the Santa Ana Watershed. It is the water gap where the Santa Ana River passes through the San Bernardino Mountains. Chair Sonne shared her experience of her tour with the Commission. The next free tour will be held in January 2020; reservations available through the website.

### **2. Arbor Day / Earth Day Event Planning**

The BE Commission agreed that the 2020 Arbor Day event will be similar to last year's tree planting event. The event will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Staff will check with the Community Services Recreation department to make sure they can participate.

### **3. BEC 2019 Holiday Decorations Awards – Nomination period Nov. 25 – Dec. 13, 2019**

### **4. BEC Holiday Awards Judging Tour – Thurs. Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.**

### **5. BEC Holiday Awards Presentation City Council Meeting on Tues. Jan. 14, 2020**

6. **BEC Christmas Tree Trimming / Pot Luck at City Hall – Thurs. Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.**  
**\*\*M/S/P Brown/Rollins – Motion to approve BEC pot luck on November 21, 2019.**
7. **November BE Commission Meeting (Nov. 28) Motion to Adjourn**  
**\*\*M/S/P Brown/Rollins – Motion to adjourn BEC meeting on November 28, 2019.**
8. **December BE Commission Meeting (Dec. 26) Motion to Adjourn**  
**\*\*M/S/P Brown/Rollins – Motion to adjourn BEC meeting on December 26, 2019.**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:****PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Han and Yoon Olivia Chung of the company *Coresivity* addressed the Commission. *Coresivity* is a distributor of corn based products as an alternative to single use plastics.

Mr. Han stated his company is currently working with several cities and school districts in providing environmentally friendly products in the move towards eliminating plastic products such as food containers, forks, spoons and straws. Corn based products break down and decompose in land fields unlike plastic products. Mr. Han looks forward to working with the City of Buena Park.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on January 23, 2020.



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Elizabeth Genera, Recording Secretary



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Beautification-Environment Commission Chair