



Environmental Ad-hoc Committee June 19, 2019 Draft Minutes
(Pending approval at September meeting)

Peninsula Community Planning Board
Environmental Ad-hoc Committee
June 19, 2019 meeting

Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire Street.

General

Meeting called to order by Eva Schmitt at 5:36 pm

Present: Eva Schmitt, Mandy Havlik, Margaret Virissimo, Anne Jackson-Hefti, Veronica Guzman, Danielle Eden, Teresa Craig, Tom Craig, Gina Feletar, Louise Lucas, Beverly Raimondo, Ana Dedeic, Cameron Havlik

Approval of the agenda- approved with addendum to review letter in support of Non-Toxic San Diego issued by OB Town Council and consider drafting similar letter of support. Motion made by Mandy Havlik. Eva Schmitt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Non-agenda Public Comment

Gina Feletar of Xerces Society advocated for the Peninsula Monarch Butterfly.

Decline of population: 99.4% since 1980. Milkweed is the only plant the butterflies use to lay their eggs on. The use of herbicide has negatively impacted the Non-Genetically engineered crops of milkweed and the Monarch migration pattern.

Pollinator gardens are being used to help with conservation efforts. Additional information available at Xerces.org.

Board-Initiated Action Items

Anne Jackson-Hefti of Non-Toxic San Diego provided an informative presentation about the use of pesticides by the city of San Diego. The purpose of this organization is to ask the City of San Diego to adapt an Integrative Pest Management (IPM) like the city of Irvine, California. Currently, there are 23 cities participating. This would make organic methods mandatory and to stop the use of herbicides and toxic chemicals in our city. For more information about Irvine's IPM visit Non-Toxic Neighborhoods www.nontoxicirvine.org. They are asking the City of San Diego to require the contractors who are applying chemicals in a public area to post proper signage 3 days prior to spraying pesticides to give the local community a choice in avoiding the area being treated.

Non-Toxic San Diego Member Tom Craig provided data concerning the amount of lawsuits growing against cities who use glyphosate. Additional information located at www.gmofreeusa.org.

Non-Toxic San Diego Member Teresa Craig informed us of the online pilot program at Luke Davis Field that was successful. It took 3 months for the community to see a marked improvement to the park. For additional information the community can contact campaignnontoxicsandiego@gmail.com

A lot of support of Non-Toxic San Diego's initiatives was issued by the OB Town Council and was reviewed. The Committee was asked if a similar letter of support could be provided by the PCPB. Eva Schmitt made a Motion to approve drafting a similar letter to the city in Support of Non-Toxic San Diego and to identify a park in our area for the use of their pilot program and submit the letter for PCPB approval at the next board meeting. Margaret Virissimo seconded the motion. Motion approved. 3 votes: Eva Schmitt, Margaret Virissimo and Mandy Havlik. Eva Schmitt will draft letter of support.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 pm