

Minutes of the May 19, 2014, ECOS Board Meeting

Immediate Past President Jon Ellison called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Simeon Gant, Ken Wilcox, Michael O'Sullivan, Glenn Destatte, John Deeter, Jon Ellison, Chris Lewis, Ron Maertz, Veronica Beatty, Earl Withycombe, Tina Suarez-Murias, Kyle Lefton, Ralph Propper, Terry Preston, Rob Burness, Mike Roskey, Annie Huang, Brandon Rose, Warren Harding, Rangineh Azimzadeh Tosang, Margarita Colmenarez, Andy Sawyer.

ECOS Staff: Alexandra Reagan, Matt Baker

Guests: Fred Richard, Jay Bolton-Phillips, Darryl Rutherford, Erin Reddy, Megan MacDonald, Moe Sarama, Dave Tamayo, Robert Coplin, Liz Fehr, Lisa Ouellette, Emily Chen, Mary Rogers, Frankie Vargas, Juvan Brunan, Don Mooney.

I. Agenda and Minutes

Motion (Withycombe, seconded by Suarez-Murias): that the agenda for the May 19, 2014, board meeting and the minutes of the March 17, 2014, board meeting, as amended, be approved. Approved unanimously.

II. Arena Community Benefits Agreement

Darryl Rutherford made a presentation on the proposed Community Benefits Agreement. ECOS, represented by Alex Kelter and Alex Reagan, has actively participated in the effort. Major issues include affordable housing, environment and transportation.

III. Growing Cities

Glen Destatte made a presentation on urban agriculture, including the Sacramento Urban Agriculture Ordinance Campaign.

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report

John Deeter presented a report on income and expenses, which was distributed earlier by e-mail. Returns from the Big Day of Giving were not included in the report, meaning that income is approximately \$5000 better than indicated in the report.

B. Environmentalist of the Year

Jon Ellison asked for volunteers to work on the Environmentalist of the Year Event.

C. Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change

Terry Preston reported that the next Transportation, Air Quality and Climate Change Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Breathe California Conference Room, 909 12th Street, Sacramento. The primary issue will be the Regional Transportation Plan Update. ECOS' emphasis will be on fixing existing roads, instead of expanding capacity.

The committee is looking into the possibility of preparing a scorecard on how Sustainable Communities Strategy has been implemented.

D. Land Use

Ron Maertz reported on activities of the Land Use Committee.

Ron also raised the issue of whether the ECOS should be involved in issues concerning electronic billboards. The consensus of the board is that this is a significant environmental issue.

E. Habitat 2020

Rob Burness reported that Habitat 2020 has been focused on efforts to obtain a regional greenprint—working landscape—plan. This includes resisting efforts to limit use of funds obtained as part of the Southeast Connector litigation. A second focus has been habitat conservation plans. Elk Grove has backed out of the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan. Habitat 2020 has also been working on the terrestrial wildlife impacts of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

F. Organizational Development

The Organizational Development Committee has prepared a fundraising plan.

G. Food and Environmental Justice

Mike Roskey has been working on efforts to get the California Public Employees Retirement System to divest from fossil fuels.

John Destatte reported that this week is Hunger Awareness Week. There will be a presentation Friday, May 23, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Sierra 2 by the Sacramento Vegetarian Society.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:50 p.m.