



Environment & Climate Commission

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION

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Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 5:00 PM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiu (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

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| Tregub, Igor | Mayor | Mayor |
| Ranney, Sarah | Kesarwani | District 1 |
| Hedlund, Marc | Taplin | District 2 |
| McGuire, Brianna | Bartlett | District 3 |
| Tahara, Daniel | Harrison | District 4 |
| Allen, Shannon | Hahn | District 5 |
| Guliasi, Les | Wengraf | District 6 |
| Lunaparra, Cecilia | Robinson | District 7 |
| Gould, Ben | Droste | District 8 |

2. **Public Comment:** Comments on subjects not included on the agenda (3-minute limit per individual)
3. **Approval of Minutes:** [Approval of Minutes from last meeting \(October 19, 2022\)](#)
4. **Agenda Check:** Commissioners may rearrange items on the agenda
5. **Update from Chair** (Chair Gould)
6. **Update from Staff** (Billi Romain, Rebecca Milliken, Valerie Nguyen)
7. **Reports from Commission Liaisons**
 - Planning Commission (Ben Gould)
 - Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Brianna McGuire)
 - Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Cecilia Lunaparra)
 - Zero Waste Commission (Sarah Ranney)
 - Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
 - Housing Advisory Commission (Marc Hedlund)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. **Workplan Subcommittee Updates**
 - a. Zoning Changes to Encourage EV Charging/ Discourage Gas Stations Subcommittee (McGuire, Allen, Lunaparra, Tahara)
 - b. Transportation Public Space Reallocation Subcommittee (Hedlund, McGuire, Lunaparra, Gould)
 - c. Native Plants and Pesticide Reduction Subcommittee (Ranney, McGuire, Allen)
9. [2023 Meeting Calendar](#)

10. Items for Future Agenda

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Communications

12. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

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*This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Billi Romain, 510-981-7432, [bromain@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:bromain@cityofberkeley.info).*

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*Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Planning Department located at 1947 Center Street.*



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I hereby certify that the agenda for this regular/special meeting of the Berkeley City Commission on Commissions was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City’s website.

Billi Romain, Commission Secretary



Environment & Climate Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, October 19, 2022

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| Vacant | Mayor | Mayor |
| Ranney, Sarah | Kesarwani | District 1 |
| Hedlund, Marc | Taplin | District 2 |
| McGuire, Brianna | Bartlett | District 3 |
| Tahara, Daniel | Harrison | District 4 |
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Billi Romain at 5:01 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Ranney, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Lunaparra, Gould

Commissioner Leave of Absence: None

Commissioner Absent: None

Staff: Billi Romain, Rebecca Milliken

2. Public Comments and Announcements:

5 member(s) of the Public

0 comment(s)

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion/second to approve the September 28, 2022 Minutes (Guliasi, Hedlund). The motion carried 8-0-0-0; Ayes: Ranney, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Lunaparra, Gould. Noes: None. Abstain: None.

Motion/second to approve the July 27, 2022 Minutes (Hedlund, Allen). The motion carried 7-0-0-1; Ayes: Ranney, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Gould. Noes: None. Abstain: Lunaparra

4. Agenda Check

5. Update from Chair

6. Update from Staff

7. Reports from Commission Liaisons

- Planning Commission (Gould)
- Transportation and Infrastructure (McGuire)
- Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Lunaparra)

- Zero Waste Commission (Ranney)
- Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Guliasi)
- Housing Advisory Commission (Hedlund)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Reconsideration of Recommendation to Revisit Old Energy Commission (EC) and Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) Items

Motion/second to rescind referral to Council from previous meeting and to table items till April meeting (Gould, Ranney). The motion carried 8-0-0-0; Ayes: Ranney, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Guliasi, Lunaparra, Gould. Noes: None. Abstain: None.

9. Electric Mobility Roadmap Update

10. Berkeley Existing Buildings Electrification (BEBES) Update

11. Consideration of Zero-Emission Vehicle Parking Support Letter

Motion/second to send letter of support to Council asking Council to send letter to state representatives allowing cities to designate parking for Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs). (Lunaparra, Gould). The motion carried 6-1-0-1; Ayes: Ranney, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara, Lunaparra, Gould. Noes: Allen. Abstain: None. Absent: Guliasi.

12. Discussion of Gas Station Ban and EV Charging Expansion

- Formation of Zoning Changes to Encourage EV Charging/ Discourage Gas Stations Subcommittee (McGuire, Allen, Lunaparra, Tahara)

13. Review Workplan

- Formation of Transportation Public Space Reallocation Subcommittee (Hedlund, Lunaparra, Gould, McGuire)
- Formation of Native Plants and Pesticide Reduction Subcommittee (Ranney, McGuire, Allen)

14. Discuss Proposed 2023 Meeting Calendar

15. Items for Future Agenda

INFORMATION ITEMS

16. Communications

17. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:30 pm (McGuire/Gould). The motion carried 7-0-0-1; Ayes: Ranney, Hedlund, McGuire, Tahara, Allen, Lunaparra, Gould. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Gulasi

Minutes Approved:

/S/ Billi Romain, Berkeley Energy Commission Secretary

Name of Commission: Environment and Climate Commission

Commission Secretary: Billi Romain

Proposed 2023 Commission Meeting Dates

The ECC generally meets the 4th Wednesday of the month from 5:00pm – 7:00pm

| Month | Meeting Day & Date | Time |
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| | | |
| January 2023 | Wednesday 1/25/23 | 5:00pm |
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| February 2023 | Wednesday 2/22/23 | 5:00pm |
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| March 2023 | Wednesday 3/22/23 | 5:00pm |
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| April 2023 | Wednesday 4/26/23 | 5:00pm |
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| May 2023 | Wednesday 5/24/23 | 5:00pm |
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| June 2023 | Wednesday 6/21/23 6/28: Conflict Eid al-Adha | 5:00pm |
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| Month | Meeting Day & Date | Time |
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| July 2023 | Wednesday 7/19/26 7/26: Conflict Tish'a B'Av | 5:00pm |
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| August 2023 | No Meeting (Council recess) | NA |
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| September 2023 | Wednesday 9/27/2023 | 5:00pm |
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| October 2023 | Wednesday 10/25/23 | 5:00pm |
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| November 2023 | Wednesday 11/29/23 (11/22: Conflict Thanksgiving) | 5:00pm |
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| December 2023 | No Meeting | NA |
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Dates to Avoid: Holiday schedule attached and other Planning Department Commission meetings:

- Planning Commission – 1st Wednesdays, 7:00pm
- Landmarks Preservation Commission – 1st Thursdays, 7:00pm
- Design Review Committee – 3rd Thursdays, 7:00pm
- Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) – 4th Thursdays, 7:00pm

City Policy Regarding the Scheduling of City Meetings on All Significant Religious Holidays

Pursuant to Resolution No. 70,066-N.S., it is the policy of the City to avoid scheduling meetings of City Legislative Bodies (City Council, Commissions and Boards, Council Policy Committees, Task Forces) on religious holidays that incorporate significant work restrictions.

City legislative bodies must avoid scheduling meetings on the religious holidays listed below.

| Religion | Holiday | Date | 2023 Date |
|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Christian | Good Friday | Varies (March or April) | 4/7/23 |
| Christian | Easter Sunday | Varies (March or April) | 4/9/23 |
| Christian | Christmas | December 25 | 12/25/23 |
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| Jewish | Rosh Hashanah | Varies (Sept. or Oct.) | 9/15/23-9/17/23 |
| Jewish | Yom Kippur | Varies (Sept. or Oct.) | 9/24/23-9/25/23 |
| Jewish | Sukkot - first and last day | Varies (Sept. or Oct.) | 9/29/23, 10/6/23 |
| Jewish | Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah | Varies (Sept. or Oct.) | 10/6/23-10/8/23 |
| Jewish | Chanukah (1 st night) | Varies (Nov. or Dec.) | 12/7/23 |
| Jewish | Passover (Nights 1, 2, 7, 8) | Varies (March or April) | 4/5,4/6,4/12,4/13 |
| Jewish | Shavuot | Varies (May or June) | 5/25/23-5/27/23 |
| Jewish | Shabbat | Weekly | Friday sunset to Saturday sunset |
| Jewish* | Purim | Varies (February or March) | 3/6/23-3/7/23 |
| Jewish* | Tish'a B'Av | Varies (July or August) | 7/26/23-7/27/2023 |
| Jewish* | Yom HaShoah | Varies (April or May) | 4/17/23-4/18/23 |
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| Buddhist | Vesak | Varies (April or May) | 5/5/23 |
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| Hindu | Diwali | Varies (Oct. or Nov.) | 11/12/23 |
| Hindu | Dussera | Varies (Oct.) | 10/24/2023 |
| Hindu | Holi | Varies (March) | 3/8/23 |
| Hindu | Makar Sankranti | Varies (January or February) | 1/14/2023 |
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| Islam | Eid al-Fitr | Varies | 4/21/23-4/22/23 |
| Islam | Eid al-Adha | Varies | 6/28/23-6/29/23 |
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| Shinto | New Year | January 1-3 | 1/1/23-1/3/23 |
| Shinto | Obon Ceremony | August 13-15 | 8/13/23-8/15/23 |
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| Baha'i Faith | Birth of Baja'u'llah | Varies | 10/16/23-10/17/23 |
| Baha'i Faith | Birth of Bab | Varies | 10/16/23-10/17/23 |
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| Cultural | Chinese New Year (Day 1-7) | Varies (Jan. 21 – Feb. 20) | 1/21/23-1/27/23 |
| Cultural | Kwanzaa | Dec. 26 – Dec. 31 | 12/26/23-1/1/24 |

* No work restriction, but avoid scheduling meetings if possible