

**APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
REVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON July 18, 2019**

Committee Members:                      Kitty Moore, Chair  
    Chad Mosley, Vice Chair  
    Deborah Feng  
    Ben Fu  
    Darcy Paul  
    Rhoda Fry, Member at Large

Committee Members absent:              None

Staff present:                                None

Consultant Presenters:                    None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. June 20, 2019

The minutes of the June 20, 2019 were approved as written

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**(Reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on issues that are not already included in the regular Order of Business)**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Member Fry handed out a letter from Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District regarding the Lehigh Cement Plant. She also distributed a press release announcing that the City of San Jose earned a LEED Platinum certification and one announcing that the City of Berkeley has banned natural gas in new buildings.

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**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. Subject: receive "A Practical Guide to the California Environmental 6<sup>th</sup> Edition" by Placeworks

Recommended Action: receive booklet and provide any input to Staff

The booklets were handed out by Member Fu. Chair Moore provided some background information on what she felt this booklet would be a good start towards the education the Committee members in the CEQA process.

❑ Additional Discussion

- The Committee discussed the how California's Building Code nearly meets all of requirements for a building to qualify for LEED certification
- The City Attorney is reviewing Staff's proposed language changes to the City's Municipal Code, Section 2.84. After their review, this item will be agendized for the Committee
- The public environmental scoping meeting for the Westport re-development project is this evening
- Thoughts regarding hiring a Staff Member who is very knowledgeable in the CEQA requirements
- Topics for education for the Committee
- The Committee agreed that Staff Reports should be revised to clarify/detail the environmental review and mitigations that occur on development sites
- The Committee discussed proposing changes to the City's Municipal Code to require that new construction meet LEED Tier 2 requirements

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## **STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee Member Paul suggested that the Environmental Review Committee web page be updated with the names and contact information of the Committee members.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Beth Ebben  
Deputy Board Clerk