



Agenda
City of Vernon
Regular Green Vernon Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 03:30 PM
City Hall, Council Chamber
4305 Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, California

Ron Daerr, Chair
Alan Franz, Vice Chair
Daniel Alley, Commissioner
Catherine Browne, Commissioner
Hector Morfin, Commissioner
Martin Perez, Commissioner
Vacant, Commissioner

SPECIAL REMOTE PROTOCOLS

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, this will be a teleconference meeting without a physical location to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This meeting will be conducted entirely by remote participation via Zoom Webinar.

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You may submit comments to PublicComment@ci.vernon.ca.us with the subject line "December 16, 2020 City of Vernon Green Vernon Commission Meeting Public Comment Item #__." Comments received prior to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, 2020, will be read into the record.

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Health and Environmental Control Department**
[Senate Bill \(SB\) 1383 - California Emission Reduction of Short-Lived Climate Pollutants](#)
Recommendation:
This is a presentation only. No action is required by the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time the public is encouraged to address the Green Vernon Commission on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The public will also be given a chance to comment on matters which are on the posted agenda during Commission deliberation on those specific matters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be approved with one motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Calendar by any member of the Commission. Those items removed will be considered immediately after the Consent Calendar.

2. City Clerk

[Approval of Minutes](#)

Recommendation:

Approve the September 16, 2020 Regular Green Vernon Commission meeting minutes.

[1. 20200916 GVC Minutes](#)

ORAL REPORTS

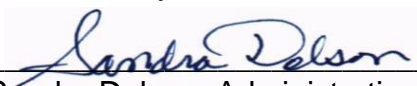
Brief reports, announcements, or directives to staff.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2020.

By: 
Sandra Dolson, Administrative Secretary

Green Vernon Commission Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. COV-441-2020

Submitted by: Fredrick Agyin

Submitting Department: Health and Environmental Control Department

Meeting Date: December 16, 2020

SUBJECT

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 - California Emission Reduction of Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

Recommendation:

This is a presentation only. No action is required by the Commission.

Background:

California is now experiencing the effects of a climate crisis: hotter summers with world record-breaking temperatures, even more devastating fire seasons, more extreme droughts, and rising sea levels that erode our coastlines. Scientists advise that greenhouse gasses released by human activities, like landfilling food and yard waste, cause climate change. To respond to this climate crisis, California is implementing statewide organic waste recycling and surplus food recovery.

In September 2016, Governor Edmund Brown, Jr. set methane emissions reduction targets for California (SB 1383 Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). The law codified the California Air Resources Board's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy, established pursuant to SB 605, to achieve reductions in the statewide emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. Actions to reduce short-lived climate pollutants are essential to address the many impacts of climate change on human health, especially in California's most at-risk communities, and on the environment.

SB 1383 targets must:

- Reduce organic waste disposal 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025
- Recover for human consumption at least 20% of currently disposed edible surplus food by 2025

The new law fights climate change and will, ultimately, improve public health. It is important to note that organic waste in landfills emits:

- 20% of the state's methane, a climate super pollutant 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide
- Air pollutants like PM 2.5, which contribute to health conditions like asthma

Organics like food scraps, yard trimmings, paper, and cardboard make up half of what Californians dump in landfills. Reducing short-lived climate super pollutants like organic waste will have the fastest impact on the climate crisis.

SB 1383 builds upon California's leading commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution statewide.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Attachments:

Green Vernon Commission Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. COV-352-2020

Submitted by: Sandra Dolson

Submitting Department: City Clerk

Meeting Date: December 16, 2020

SUBJECT

Approval of Minutes

Recommendation:

Approve the September 16, 2020 Regular Green Vernon Commission meeting minutes.

Background:

Staff has prepared and hereby submits the minutes for approval.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Attachments:

1. [20200916 GVC Minutes](#)

**MINUTES
GREEN VERNON COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Daerr called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Alley led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ron Daerr, Chair
Alan Franz, Vice Chair (via remote access)
Daniel Alley, Commissioner
Catherine Browne, Commissioner
Hector Morfin, Commissioner

ABSENT: Martin Perez, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, Interim City Attorney
Lisa Pope, City Clerk
Fredrick Agyin, Health and Environmental Control Director

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Commissioner Browne moved and Commissioner Alley seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Commissioner Perez absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation: Select one member to serve as Chair and one member to serve as Vice Chair for the term ending June 30, 2021.

City Clerk Pope presented the staff report.

MOTION

Commissioner Browne moved and Commissioner Morfin seconded a motion to select Ron Daerr to serve as Chair. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Commissioner Perez absent.

MOTION

Commissioner Browne moved and Chair Daerr seconded a motion to select Alan Franz to serve as Vice Chair. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Commissioner Perez absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

Commissioner Alley moved and Chair Daerr seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Commissioner Perez absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following item:

2. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the March 20, 2019 Regular Green Vernon Commission meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Vernon Sustainability Action Plan

Recommendation: A. Find that the proposed action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) review, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15308, because the plan is being carried out by a regulatory agency to maintain, restore, or enhance the environment, where the regulatory process includes procedures to protect the environment; and B. Provide direction and plan to update the Vernon Sustainability Action Plan.

Health and Environmental Control Director Agyin presented the staff report.

In response to Commission questions, Health and Environmental Control Director Agyin discussed efforts to work with businesses on composting and electric vehicle charging stations. He discussed the need to include SB1383 mandates and metrics in the Plan. He stated a consultant would be used to prepare the Plan.

The Commission discussed the need for the next Sustainability Action Plan, including evaluation of the 2011 Plan, accomplishments and progress since the last plan, how to provide metrics in the future, and inclusion of both City and business benchmarks.

MOTION

Chair Daerr moved and Commissioner Browne seconded a motion to recommend the Council allocate funds to revise the Vernon Sustainability Action Plan.

MOTION

Vice Chair Franz moved and Commissioner Alley seconded a motion to direct staff to determine the cost to update the Plan. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Commissioner Perez absent.

Chair Daerr withdrew his motion.

ORAL REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Daerr adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

RON DAERR, Chair

ATTEST:

LISA POPE, City Clerk
(Seal)