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**TORRANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION
COMMISSION AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 07, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD
TORRANCE, CA 90503**

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MAY
TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members: Gunnar, Hill, Jendrucko, Love, Montoya, Seferian, and Chair Stecker

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comments on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker.** If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approval of Minutes: None

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. PRESENTATION-Community Services, John La Rock, City Fireworks Show

7B. PRESENTATION-Climate Smart Award Recipient Jim Montgomery, Water

7C. ACCEPT AND FILE-City Yard Open House Update

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT

10A. Adjournment of Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission Meeting to Thursday, October 05, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

Chair and Members
of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Agenda Items 7B Present Torrance Climate Smart Awards

At the Environmental Commission meeting of June 01, 2023, three nominees for the Torrance Climate Smart Awards were reviewed by the commission. The Environmental commission voted to award all three nominees in three different categories. Jim Montgomery for the Climate Smart Water Award.

The Torrance Climate Smart Award seeks to recognize residents, students, schools, businesses, and organizations for their commitment to excellence in environmental stewardship and outstanding environmental achievements, in support of the Stewardship of the Environment Priority in the 2021 Strategic Plan. The Climate Smart awards and criteria are in the following categories:


- CLIMATE SMART ENERGY: Outstanding achievements in clean energy, energy efficiency, demand reduction and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- CLIMATE SMART WATER: Achievements in water conservation through implementation, planting and promotion of water conservation efforts.
- CLIMATE SMART YOUTH: Torrance school aged youth, individuals or groups, for outstanding leadership in climate change and building awareness and engagement of their peers, school and community.
- CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY: Individual members of the Torrance Community or a community group that provided outstanding support to the implementation and goals of the strategic plan pertaining to environmental stewardship.
- CLIMATE SMART BUSINESS: Retail, commercial, industrial and other businesses that demonstrate achievements in any areas of the award criteria or has received a recognized environmental certification, including but not limited to Clean Bay Restaurant or LEED.

The goal of the award is to highlight citizens, groups, businesses, and organizations in Torrance who demonstrate the importance of environmental stewardship.

Jim Montgomery has prepared a presentation regarding his water sustainability practices and is sharing it with the Environmental Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By 

Nora Duncan
Sr. Environmental Quality Officer

Attachment: 1) Climate Smart Award



*Torrance Environmental Quality and
Energy Conservation Commission*

TORRANCE CLIMATE SMART AWARD

awarded to

Jim Montgomery

For Outstanding Stewardship of the Environment for Water


John Stecker, Commission Chairperson

8-3-23

Date

Chair and Members
of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Community Development- Accept and File City Yard Open House Update

During the July 6, 2023, meeting of the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission, the commission requested Staff bring back a report on the City Yard Open House.

BACKGROUND:

On June 10th, 2023, the City of Torrance held their biannual City Yard Open House. The Torrance, City Yard Open House is an event held at the City Yard to showcase City services, resources, and programs and educate and interact with the public. Staff prepared a booth within the Community Development booths, promoting the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission and created a survey to raise the public's awareness of the City of Torrance Strategic Plan and the goals assigned to Community Development and get an overview of what goals the public felt most important. Commissioners and Staff manned the booth and interacted with the public from 10am through the events end at 2pm. Staff created an interactive survey based on goals set forth in the Strategic Plan (Attachment #1). Both Staff and Commissioners answered questions about the Environmental Commission, the strategic plan goals, the Climate Smart awards and encouraged the public to take the survey. Staff and commissioners gave out reusable, thermal, grocery bags as a giveaway to entice survey participation and interaction. Staff also created a display to advertise the Climate Smart Award and announce the current recipients (Attachment #2).

DISCUSSION

The survey presented at the Community Development booth, in support of the Stewardship of the Environment Priority in the 2021 Strategic Plan, was created to educate the public in a way that provided participants the opportunity to meet their commissioners and staff, and voice their opinions. The Strategic goals were summarized and presented as follows:

- GOAL 2: Educate and motivate on the value of Environmental Stewardship.
- GOAL 3: Enable City stakeholders to adapt to and reduce climate change and ecological crisis.
- GOAL 4: Create and promote sustainable/GREEN practices for daily use.
- GOAL 5: Improve water reliability through water preservation and conservation.

- GOAL 6: Protect Natural environments. *Ask us about benefits provided by a well-functioning Eco system.
- GOAL 7: Create an encouraging environment for businesses and industries to adopt sustainable Green practices.

The visitors who came to the Community Development booth were asked to read the goals and vote on which goal they felt the City should focus on. Those who voted on the goals were given a reusable grocery bag. The results of the survey were varied, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. The results are as follows:

- GOAL 2: 100 votes
- GOAL 3: 57 votes
- GOAL 4: 166 votes
- GOAL 5: 198 votes
- GOAL 6: 146 votes
- GOAL 7: 92 votes

A total of approximately 759 participants responded to the survey, with the improvement of water reliability being the highest priority with 198 votes.

CONCLUSIONS:

The public outreach at the City Yard Open House was a success and resulted in a positive public response. The presence of the Environmental Commissioners at the City Yard Open House event increased public awareness and survey responses indicated many survey participants learned about the City's commitment to Stewardship of the Environment. Due to the results of these efforts, Staff recommends the Commission discuss future events to continue to expand public participation.

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Attachments: 1) Strategic Plan Goals Board
2) Climate Smart Awards Boards

What Are Strategic Goals?

- What is most important?

GOAL 2

Educate & Motivate
on the value of
Environmental
Stewardship.

GOAL 3

Enable City
Stakeholders to Adapt
to & Reduce Climate
Change & Ecological
Crisis.

GOAL 4

Create & Promote
Sustainable/Green
Practices for Daily
Use.

GOAL 5

Improve Water
Reliability through Water
Preservation &
Conservation.

GOAL 6

Protect Natural
Environments.

* Ask Us About Benefits
Provided by a
Well-functioning
Eco System.

GOAL 7

Create an Encouraging
Environment for
Businesses & Industries
to Adopt Sustainable
Green Practices.

CLIMATE SMART AWARDS



A program being implemented by
the Environmental Quality and
Energy Conservation Commission in
support of the Stewardship of the
Environment Priority in the 2021
Strategic Plan.

2023 AWARD WINNERS

