

# Environmental and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Agenda Minutes

April 12, 2022

**CITY HALL/ROSS ANNEX**  
**Conference Room 1600**  
20 Civic Center Plaza  
Santa Ana, CA  
4:00 PM



**CITY VISION AND CODE OF ETHICS** – The City of Santa Ana is committed to achieving a shared vision for the organization and its community. The Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles (Values) are the result of a thoughtful and inclusive process designed to set the City and organization on a course that meets the challenges of today and tomorrow, as follows:

***Vision*** - The dynamic center of Orange County which is acclaimed for our: Investment in youth • Safe and healthy community • Neighborhood pride • Thriving economic climate • Enriched and diverse culture • Quality government services

***Mission*** - To deliver efficient public services in partnership with our community which ensures public safety, a prosperous economic environment, opportunities for our youth, and a high quality of life for residents.

***Guiding Principles*** - Collaboration • Efficiency • Equity • Excellence • Fiscal Responsibility • Innovation • Transparency

**Code of Ethics and Conduct** - At the Special Municipal Election held on February 5, 2008, voters approved an amendment to the City Charter which established the Code of Ethics and Conduct for elected officials and members of appointed boards, commissions, and committees to assure public confidence. The following are the core values expressed: • *Integrity • Honesty • Responsibility • Fairness • Accountability • Respect • Efficiency*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Brian Germain, Chair  
Carl Benninger  
Nathaniel Greensides  
Janelle McLoughlin  
Tanya Navarro  
Dorian Romero  
Jannelle Welker

**Minutes:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.*

### **ROLL CALL**


Lorrie Ortiz, Recording Secretary

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Minutes:** *Commissioner Welker led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**



Pursuant to Government Code Sec. 54954.3, the public may comment on any agenda item under consideration by the Environmental and Transportation Advisory Committee, and on any other matters under the Committee's jurisdiction. When speaking, please state your name. Limit your remarks to three (3) minutes. The number of speakers and allotted time may be limited at the discretion of the Chairperson.


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**Minutes:** *There were no public comments.*

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Commission and will be enacted by one motion without discussion. Persons wishing to speak regarding a Consent Calendar item may request the item to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

**1. Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2022**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022

**2. Recording Secretary Report**

**Recommended Action:** Instruct the Recording Secretary to enter posting into the Minutes:

The ETAC Regular Meeting agenda of April 12, 2022 was posted on the doors of City Hall in a timely manner.

**3. Excused absences**

**Recommended Action:** Excuse member(s) from the current meeting.

**Minutes:** *There were no excused absences.*

**Moved by Commissioner Benninger, seconded by Commissioner Greensides to Approve Consent Calendar items.**

**YES:** 6 – Carl Benninger, Brian Germain, Nathaniel Greensides, Janelle McLoughlin, Dorian Romero, Jannelle Welker

**NO:** 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 1 – Tanya Navarro

**Status:** 6 – 0 – 0 – 1 – **Pass**

**\*\*\*END OF CONSENT CALENDAR\*\*\***

### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

**4. ETAC Vice Chair election**

**Recommended Action:** Elect vacant ETAC Vice Chair position

**Moved by Commissioner Germain, seconded by Commissioner Greensides to Nominate Commissioner Carl Benninger to serve as ETAC Vice Chair..**

**YES:** 6 – Carl Benninger, Brian Germain, Nathaniel Greensides, Janelle McLoughlin, Dorian Romero, Jannelle Welker

**NO:** 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 1 – Tanya Navarro

**Status:** 6 – 0 – 0 – 1 – **Pass**

**5. Santa Ana River Watershed Weather Modification Pilot Program presentation**

**Recommended Action:** Informational

**Minutes:** *Principal Civil Engineer Rudy Rosas introduced Mark Norton from the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority who presented a Powerpoint presentation concerning the Santa Ana Watershed Pilot Program. Mr. Norton noted the program could start in November 2022. General information about the program, including funding outreach and CEQA information was provided by Mr. Norton, and he responded to commissioner questions.*

**6. Neighborhood Block Transformation Contest (NBTC)**

**Recommended Action:** Identify three ETAC Commissioners to judge contest

**Minutes:** *Michelle Micallef, Community Liaison, provided information concerning the NBTC. She requested three volunteer judges for this year's contest, and Commissioners Welker, Romero and Greensides volunteered to serve.*

**7. Update on Current Construction Projects**

**Recommended Action:** Informational

**Minutes:** *Senior Engineer Sean Thomas provided a Powerpoint presentation which included details on accessing current construction project information through the City's website at [www.santa-ana.org/pw/construction-project-map](http://www.santa-ana.org/pw/construction-project-map). Additional information was provided concerning the San Lorenzo Sewer Lift project; Warner Avenue Improvements; Santa Ana Zoo Giant River Otter and Primate Trails exhibit project; South Main Street Corridor Improvements; and Lincoln Avenue Pedestrian Pathway projects. Engineer Thomas responded to commission inquiries.*

**\*\*\*END OF BUSINESS CALENDAR\*\*\***

**COMMENTS**

**Staff Comments and Updates**

**Minutes:** *Executive Director Saba provided information, in response to a commissioner*

*inquiry, concerning the electric vehicles within the City's fleet, as well as EV charging stations located at City facilities. A goal of funding more electric vehicles and charging stations was shared.*

### **Commissioner Comments**

**Minutes:** *Commissioner Greensides encouraged demonstrating graciousness for our planet earth and for participating in Earth Hour.*

*Commissioner Romero extended appreciation for the provided electric vehicle information in order to reduce carbon emissions; and also to Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Manager, Mark Norton for the presentation. Commissioner said she enjoys the idea of Santa Ana's Neighborhood Block Transformation contest, and once again seeing enthusiastic residents; is wondering how all City neighborhoods can be notified; encouraged more outreach; and also how the city may provide additional resources to residents who might need assistance to participate in the Neighborhood Block Transformation contest.*

*Commissioner Welker noted community organization LoveSantaAna.org, and encouraged staff to reach out to that organization for additional neighborhood improvement resources.*

*Commissioner McLoughlin noted her support for the the ComLink Most Beautiful Yard contest, and noted ways to improve the agency's Neighborhood Block Transformation contest.*

*Commissioner Benninger thanked the agency for the presentations, and also provided information about the ComLink Most Beautiful Yard contest.*

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Environmental and Transportation Advisory Commission is scheduled for May 10, 2022.

**Minutes:** *The ETAC meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.*