



Staff Report

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE GREEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The City Council has established a Green Advisory Committee (GAC) to gather and explore ideas on enhancing Belmont's environmental sustainability. The GAC has met three times since their inception and is already providing valuable input towards City efforts in the pursuit of:

- Energy efficiency & conservation promotion
- Green Building Construction
- Waste reduction/recycling
- Climate-friendly purchasing
- Alternative energy & low-carbon fuel use
- Sustainable land use & smart growth

The GAC has been divided into five subcommittees 1) *Waste Prevention & Recycling*; 2) *Transportation*; 3) *Building & Utilities*; 4) *Sustainability/Keeping It Green*; and 5) *Outreach*. Each subcommittee is expected to meet on a monthly basis and report back to the larger group. The GAC meets on a regular basis on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Council adopted a Resolution (9994) at their March 11, 2008 meeting for the GAC appointments – 20 members total broken down as follows:

- City Council (2)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Parks Commission (1)
- Finance Commission (1)
- Neighborhood Associations (2)
- Chamber of Commerce (1)
- Sustainable San Mateo County (1)
- Citizens at Large (11)

Discussion

Vice-Mayor William Dickenson provides facilitation at the monthly GAC meetings. At his suggestion at the 5/21/08 meeting, he solicited GAC interest to add a representative from Notre Dame De Namur University as a voting member of the GAC. Monica Serrato, Resident Director of Housing & Residence Life, would serve as the NDNU Representative. This recommendation was voted on by the GAC at this meeting and was unanimously approved. A required next step was to have the City Council amend the Resolution on the GAC makeup. Thus, staff has provided a Resolution to this effect in accordance with the GAC direction.

General Plan/Vision Statements

Appointing members to the Citizens Green Advisory Committee furthers the City's Vision Statement as follows:

Distinctive Community Character

- *We get involved in town matters because we care about living here.*

Natural Beauty

- *Our actions today preserve and enhance Belmont's beauty to make it even lovelier for our grandchildren.*

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact resulting from this action.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council amend the Green Advisory Committee composition via the attached draft Resolution as proposed in this memo.

Alternatives

1. Appoint other/alternative representatives.
2. Provide other direction to staff.
3. Take no action.

Attachments

- A. Draft Resolution Amending Resolution 9994 RE: Green Advisory Committee Composition

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A **RESOLUTION NO. _____**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
AMENDING RESOLUTION 9994 REGARDING THE COMPOSITION
OF THE GREEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that public participation is necessary in helping the City achieve its goals and objectives of becoming more environmentally sustainable;

WHEREAS, establishing the Green Advisory Committee is consistent with the City’s Vision Statement and Economic Development Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Green Advisory Committee would encourage the community to think globally and act locally; and,

WHEREAS, the City experienced interest from Notre Dame De Namur University (NDNU) to participate and contribute towards City-wide “green” efforts and the Council believes that in the spirit of community outreach it is appropriate to include an NDNU representative to serve on the committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont does hereby amend Resolution 9994 regarding the Green Advisory Committee and the Committee composition as follows (21 members total):

- City Council (2)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Parks Commission (1)
- Finance Commission (1)
- Neighborhood Associations (2)
- Chamber of Commerce (1)
- Sustainable San Mateo County (1)
- Notre Dame De Namur University (1)
- Citizens at Large (11)

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on July 22, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____
 NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____
 ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____
 ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont