



Clean and Green Commission Meeting Notes  
City Hall, 2A Conference Room  
October 16, 2025

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Milleman at 6:07pm

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Blytha Bowers

**III. AB 2449 Teleconference Notifications and Consideration: None**

**IV. Roll Call**

City Council & Staff: Todd Rullman, Director Maintenance Services; Armando Quintero Streets Maintenance Manager; Administrative Supervisor Colleen Kamai; Elizabeth Scott Senior Secretary.

Commission Members Present: Blytha Bowers; Celia Ching Chung; Gwenda Dossey; Tom Ferreira; Thomas Ford; Michael Garcia-Picazo; Christian Loza; Kyle McCray; Melissa Milleman; Mary Otegbade; Herminia Ruiz; George Villamil; Peyton Waterman

Commission Members Absent: Chandu Siramdas

Commission Members Present After Rol Call: Sandra Frost; Tom Ferreria; Shingo Nagae

Youth Commission Members: None

Public Attendees: None

**V. Public Comments: There were no Public Comments**

**VI. New Member Orientation: Staff provided a brief background on the history of the Clean and Green Commission, highlighted sections of the Council's Appointed Officials Handbook as it relates to CGC, reviewed the mission and scope of the commission, outlined attendance requirements, and provided an overview on meetings, cleanups, and community events. The 2026 CGC calendar was also reviewed.**

There were no public comments.

There were no commissioner comments.

The commission took a 15-minute recess at 6:45pm

The commission meeting was reconvened at 7:01pm.

## **VII. Action Items:**

**Meeting Minutes:** It was motioned and seconded by Commissioners Villamil and Garcia-Picazo, and passed by majority vote, to approve the meeting minutes from August 14, 2025. (15:0:0:1)

There were no public or commissioner comments.

**Beautiful Yard Contest Presentation:** Staff provided a brief background on the contest and shared photos of the nominees.

Public Comments – Community member “Bella” thanked the commission for the opportunity for her father to participate in the Beautiful Yard Contest.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Ferreira talked about nominee #11, remarking that the property owner is very dedicated and works in the yard each morning. She also helps her neighbors with their yards.

Chair Milleman talked about nominee #3, remarking the property owner’s mother, who passed away last year, was the original designer of the yard. The owner plans to give the landscape crew the prize money if he wins. Chair Milleman also mentioned nominee #6; the property owner created and maintained the yard themselves.

Council Liaison Andrews mentioned that nominee #7 designed the yard around the tree and nominee #8 was nominated for the California Poppies, which represent California.

The Commission took a brief recess at 7:45pm to cast their votes.

The Commission re-convened at 7:52 pm.

Staff announced the outcome of the vote and announced the winners. Nominee #2 received the highest number of votes, placing 1<sup>st</sup>; nominee #3 received the second highest votes placing 2<sup>nd</sup>, and nominee # 8 received the third highest votes, placing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was motioned and seconded by Commissioners Dossey and Garcia-Picazo and passed by majority vote, to accept the outcome of the vote declaring nominee #2, #3, and #8 as the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners respectively. (15:0:0:1)

**Officer Nominations and Elections:** Staff provided a brief outline of the nominations and elections process.

There were no public or commissioner comments.

Chair Milleman called for nominations. Commissioner Dossey nominated Melissa Milleman for Chair. Commissioner Milleman accepted the nomination. Chair Milleman nominated Tom Ferreira and Shingo Nagae for Vice Chair. Commissioner Ferreira accepted the nomination. Commissioner Nagae declined the nomination.

It was motioned and seconded by Commissioners Villamil and Dossey and passed by majority vote, to approve the nomination and appointment of Melissa Milleman for Chair and Tom Ferreira for Vice Chair. (15:0:0:1)

**Hearts of Hayward Nomination:** Staff provided a brief background about the Hearts of Hayward recognition event.

Chair Milleman called for nominations. Commissioner Dossey nominated Commissioner Frost; Commissioner McCray nominated Commissioner Bowers; Commissioner Milleman nominated Commissioner Frost; Commissioner Frost nominated Commissioners Villamil, Nagae, Ching Chung, Dossey; Commissioner Bowers nominated Commissioner Frost.

Nominee Frost accepted the nomination, the others respectfully declined.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Frost remarked that Commissioner Bowers is her hero and thanked her for her years of service to the City of Hayward.

It was motioned and seconded by Commissioners Bowers and Ford and passed by majority vote, to approve the nomination of Sandra Frost for the Hearts of Hayward Award. (14:0:1:1)

**Expenditure Allocation:** Staff presented the report requesting expenditure approval for the purchase of commissioner shirts and vests.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Frost asked if all new commissioners received shirts and vests. Staff reported no, there were not enough shirt and vest sizes for the new members. The inventory of shirts and vests needs to be replenished, also the shirts will be rebranded from Task Force to Commission, therefore new shirts will be ordered for all commissioners.

It was motioned and seconded by Commissioners Ching Chung and Ferreira and passed by majority vote, to approve an allocation not to exceed \$2,300 for the purchase of rebranded shirts and to replenish the inventory of safety vests for commissioners. (15:0:0:1)

## **VIII. Informational Items:**

**Hayward Youth Commission Updates:** None

**Financial Report:** The Financial report was reviewed in the packet. There were no public or Commissioner comments or questions.

**Attendance Report:** The Attendance report was reviewed. There were no public or Commissioner comments or questions.

## **Subcommittee Reports/ Updates:**

**Policy Subcommittee:** Director Rullman and the policy subcommittee have met and discussed strategies to address illegal dumping citywide. A pilot program is being developed to address blight and illegal dumping in the Aldengate area. Strategies being considered to address hot spots include a messaging campaign to properties in the affected area, improved/refreshed

signage and striping. Messaging would include information about resources such as Waste Management Bulky Pickup and Self Haul Coupon programs. Staff would analyze data from Waste Management (bulky pickups and self-haul) and Access Hayward (illegal dumping and graffiti requests) thirty days prior and thirty days after to determine the effectiveness of these strategies and resources

Outreach Subcommittee: Chair Milleman talked about CGC liaisons building relationships with schools, churches, and businesses.

Chair Milleman and Vice Chair Ferreira provided a brief description of each subcommittee. Staff will poll all members for their 2026 subcommittee assignment preferences. As a reminder, subcommittee participation is voluntary.

Events Subcommittee: Vice Chair Ferreira remarked a meeting will be scheduled soon and hopes a few new members will be interested in joining the Event Subcommittee.

Adopt a Block: There were no updates.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

#### **IX. KHCG Cleanup Events (Committee Member Attendance Required):**

Debrief of 8/26/25 Clean Up – Staff reported eight out of fourteen registered volunteers checked in for the event. There were eight out of nine commissioners in attendance. A total of fourteen cubic yards of trash were collected. Staff added that approximately thirty Adopt-a-Block participants attended the Adopt-a-Block Proclamation reading at the August 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and six Adopt-a-Block groups cleaned their blocks on Adopt-a-Block Day, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

10/18/25 Clean Up Event: Staff reported forty-four current registrations; Landscape staff have prepared the ground in the area for the tree planting project. Chair Milleman reviewed commissioner assignments and discussed logistics.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

#### **X. Community Events & Activities (Committee Member Volunteer Attendance):**

8/21/25 – Debrief Downtown Street Party – Chair Milleman reported it was a successful event, and the booth location was much better than the July event.

12/2/25 Beautiful Yard contest Awards & Recognition - Commissioners were reminded that the Beautiful Yard Contest winners will be recognized at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council Meeting. Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

Public Comments - There were no public comments.

#### **XI. Announcements/Updates:**

Council Member Updates:

Council member Andrews remarked that the City is going through an independent audit regarding budget issues and that a new City Manager will be announced soon. She also advised

that she may miss meetings in 2026 due to a scheduling conflict with the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency meetings.

Staff Update:

Director Rullman announced that the Disposal Day events and the mobile illegal dumping camera will be paused for the foreseeable future due to budget restraints. He also mentioned staff response times to Access Hayward requests may be longer than usual due to staffing resources.

Chair Updates: Chair Milleman reminded commissioners to check their correspondence from staff and set up for Saturday's cleanup event will start at 7:00am. New commissioners were encouraged to contact her if they have any questions.

**XII. Future Agenda Action Items:**

**Adjournment:** Chair Milleman adjourned the meeting at 9:06pm