



AGENDA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018
6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Cathlin Atchison, Jacques Bertrand, Bella Hammond, Alyssa Millwood-Donahue, Kailash Mozumder, Megan Sixt, and Chair Peter Wilk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.

The Committee Members may not discuss Oral Communications to any significant degree, but may request issues raised be placed on a future agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 24, 2017 and June 20, 2017 meeting minutes

DISCUSSION

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
2. Review 2018 meeting schedule
3. 2018 Work Items
 - a. Eco Walk
 - b. Peery Park
 - c. 4C's

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT to a Workshop on February 28, 2018

Notice: The Commission on the Environment meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Community Room located at 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola.

Agenda and Agenda Packet Materials: The Commission on the Environment Agenda is available on the City's website: www.cityofcapitola.org/ on Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. If you need additional information please contact the Public Works Department at (831) 475-7300.

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DRAFT MINUTES
Commission on the Environment
Regular Meeting
May 24, 2017

Peter Wilk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jacques Bertrand, Bella Hammond (student member), Megan Sixt, and Chair Peter Wilk

Commissioners Absent: Cathlin Atchison, Alyssa Millwood-Donahue, Kailash Mozumder

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jacques Bertrand made a motion to approve the March 22, 2017 meeting minutes Peter Wilk seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0, Megan Sixt abstained.

DISCUSSION

1. Work Program Updates

a. Eco Walk/Tour

Peter Wilk will meet with Kailash Mozumder to discuss and review the sites, and stops proposed for the tour. Steve Jesberg encouraged the Commission to work quickly to define the project scope, route and to begin working on the narratives for the walk. Staff will discuss the project scope with the artist, and if interested, request a bid proposal for the Whale Tail grant application.

b. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

An ivy removal work day was held on April 30th. There were four new volunteers, seven participants total, who made a clean-up of the upper flat areas of the park, removing new growth since the last event in 2016. The removal effort should continue with training volunteers on the Redtree hill area, while Staff completes and submits the 1602 consult permit to California Fish and Wildlife. Peter Wilk will contact Mr. McMenamin to schedule the next work day. Bella Hammond recommended contacting Mr. Roberts at New Brighton Middle School to request posting the event fliers on campus.

c. McGregor Park Enhancement Project

Jacques Bertrand is compiling a detailed description of the invasive eucalyptus grove to submit to John Laird, California Secretary for Natural Resources. Mr. Bertrand suggested working jointly with State Parks to save the oak trees in the area.

Megan Sixt offered to ask State Parks who the appropriate liaison would be to assist with this effort.

d. HERO Energy Savings/Energy Efficiency Flyer

Staff reported the City has funds available to offer grants to income eligible, senior citizens and disabled persons for energy efficiency upgrades. The Community Development Department has mailed ~3000 fliers to mobilehome owners, townhouse and condo property owners. There has been a tremendous response to the outreach effort, and now the Housing Authority is responding to interested parties, distributing applications and moving forward with the program.

e. Central Coast Climate Collaboration (4C's)

Jacques Bertrand presented information about the steering committee nominations, summer conference, goals, participating organizations, and bylaws.

2. Other Items

a. Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event – July 29, 2017

Jacques Bertrand suggested the Commission promote the event and consider participating. He requested fliers be available at the public counter.

b. Fishing Line Disposal Units

Megan Sixt offered to contact Surfrider Foundation to obtain the specifications of the fishing line disposal units, such as the size, signage, number of units suggested for placement, who is responsible for emptying and maintains the units. Staff requested a photo of the unit and signage, similar to the photo in the agenda packet. The information should be transmitted to staff who will schedule the item for a future City Council agenda to approve the units and the locations for placement.

Jacques Bertrand made a motion for Megan make the presentation to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Peter Wilk. The motion passed 3-0.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA - None

ADJOURNMENT to Workshop on June 28, 2017

Approved at the meeting of July 26, 2017

Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

DRAFT MINUTES
Commission on the Environment
Special Meeting
June 20, 2017

Peter Wilk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Cathlin Atchison, Jacques Bertrand, Kailash Mozumder, and Chair Peter Wilk

Commissioners Absent: Megan Sixt

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

DISCUSSION

1. Consider Recommendations to the City Council on the Climate Mayors and Paris Agreement.

Staff distributed a revised copy of the City Council agenda report, including the draft resolution.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of a local agency making a statement regarding a national political issue, Cathlin Atchison made a motion to recommend to the City Council that they direct the Mayor to join the Climate Mayors and approve a related resolution in support of the Paris Agreement as recommended by the Climate Mayors network. The motion was seconded by Kailash Mozumder. The motion passed 3-0, Jacques Bertrand abstained.

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COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

2018 Meeting Schedule (4th Wednesday of each month)

The 2018 Commission on the Environment meeting schedule is as follows:

January 24, 2018 – meeting

February 28, 2018 - workshop

March 28, 2018 - meeting

April 25, 2018 - workshop

May 23, 2018 - meeting

June 27, 2018 - workshop

July 25, 2018 - meeting

August 22, 2018 - workshop

September 26, 2018 - meeting

October 24, 2018 - workshop

*November 14, 2018 – meeting***

*December 19, 2018 – workshop***

*****Date change due to holiday*****

The Commission Meeting is defined as a full agenda on a wide range of topics, minutes, voting, etc.

The Commission Workshop is defined as a forum for more informal and in-depth discussion on a limited set of agenda topics.

