



AGENDA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017
6:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Cathlin Atchison, Jacques Bertrand, Kailash Mozumder, Kristin Sullivan,
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.

1. Introduction of potential new and student members
2. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for Kristin Sullivan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 25, 2017 meeting minutes

OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2017 Projects
2. Program Updates
 - a. Eco Walk/Tour
 - b. Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event – July 29, 2017
 - c. Escalona Gulch Trail
 - d. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT to Workshop on April 26, 2017

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
January 25, 2017

Kristin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Cathlin Atchison, Kailash Mozumder, Peter Wilk, and Chair Kristin Sullivan

Commissioners Absent: Jacques Bertrand

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Kailash Mozumder attended a wildlife symposium, at which the monarch population was discussed; noting the lack of native west coast milkweed seeds that are distributed throughout local habitat. It was suggested that the new landscape plans for Rispin Park incorporate native milkweed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Peter Wilk made a motion to approve the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes Kailash Mozumder seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0, Cathlin Atchison abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Introduction of new commissioner Cathlin Atchison

Cathlin Atchison introduced herself, commenting that she wrote the City of Santa Cruz first Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and first Climate Adaptation Plan. She also managed the City's Green Business Program and is looking forward to being a member of the COE.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Peter Wilk was unanimously elected Chair (Atchison/Wilk)

Kailash Mozumder was unanimously elected Vice-Chair (Atchison/Wilk)

3. 2017 Projects

The Commission discussed the various work plan items and requested the work plan be redistributed for the Workshop. The main accomplishments from 2016 were Peery Park and creating the Environmentally Sustainable Living in Capitola website.

4. Program Updates

- a. Eco Walk/Tour

The Commission discussed other options to the app tour; and additional items of interest to add to the tour, such as heritage trees. Staff will research who assisted the Museum with the historical tour. Kailash Mozumder will research the cost to print a brochure.

- b. Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event

Kailash Mozumder will continue to work on the community recycle week. He stated that Jacques Bertrand will be working on coordinating with Grey Bears for the Fix It Event to either advertise the Grey Bears events or establish a Capitola specific event.

- c. Tannery Gulch Trail

Staff stated a restoration project will be difficult as the trail is located on state property.

d. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

Peter Wilk requested the restoration map be posted on the website and a sign be placed. He emphasized the need to work downslope to make progress on the project. A discussion ensued regarding the future progress of the restoration project. Steve Jesberg commented there is a possibility of hiring a professional crew or utilizing an AmeriCorp crew to work in the more sensitive areas. Peter Wilk will contact Mr. McMenamain to strategize the next steps for the project.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Kristin Sullivan requested an update of the CAP and CCE. Staff reported that Community Development staff is working on the Zoning Ordinance and will be progressing on the CAP following the Zoning Ordinance. The CCE is in the process of defining and forming a board of directors.

Cathlin Atchison volunteered to review the Zoning Ordinance Update for environmental interests.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned to a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Approved at the meeting of March 22, 2017

Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

Do you have a broken item in your home? An old thing
you can't part with but can't quite fix?

Bring it to

Repair Café

July 29th, 2017

10:00am – 2:00pm

In the Grey Bear's Warehouse



See if our fix-it coaches can bring new life to an old
gem. We welcome all kinds of home goods from
toasters to sweaters.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, or have any
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