



AGENDA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 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, Peter Wilk, and Chair Kristin Sullivan

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 – November 16, 2016

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Introduction of new commissioner Cathlin Atchison
2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
3. 2017 Projects
4. Program Updates
 - a. Eco Walk/Tour
 - b. Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event
 - c. Tannery Gulch Trail
 - d. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT to Workshop on February 22, 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.

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DRAFT MINUTES
Commission on the Environment
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2016

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jacques Bertrand, Amie Forest, Peter Wilk, and Chair Kristin Sullivan

Commissioners Absent: Kailash Mozumder

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kristin Sullivan made a motion to approve the September 28, 2016 meeting minutes Amie Forest seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0, Jacques Bertrand abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Ongoing Work Items

a. Website

The COE requested staff announce the website. Steve Jesberg and Larry Laurent will prepare a news release to introduce the website.

Steve Jesberg will continue to provide the following information: narrative for the transportation portion of the site; links on the city's website to the COE page, i.e. Don Alley's monitoring reports.

Danielle Uharriet will add Peery Park information, including George's plan and photos showing the progress of the riparian restoration project and announcements for upcoming events.

Amie Forest offered to continue working on keeping the site updated.

2. EcoWalk/Tour

Staff announced that Mobile Ranger is no longer an option. Amie Forest will pursue a possible vendor to assist with the progress of the future app.

3. Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event

Jacques Bertrand provided information of the potential for an event in Capitola. Grey Bears holds regular Repair Café events, but would assist Capitola to organize an event. Jacques suggested utilizing Jade Street Park Community Center. Steve will inquire with the Recreation Department. Peter Wilk suggested partnering with OSH to hold an event in the parking lot.

4. Additional Discussion:

a. Tanner Gulch Trail

Jacques Bertrand suggested that the COE engage the residents on Depot Hill to restore the trail at the end of Escalona to Grove Lane.

b. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

Peter Wilk requested Peery Park Riparian Restoration Project be incorporated on the website. He inquired about the next steps to keep the project moving forward and the status of the sign in the park. Staff stated they will work with George McMenamini to define the next steps of the project; and will have a sign in the coming months. He also suggested the riparian area owned by Redtree (the Creekside parcel at the back of the Nob Hill parking lot) be considered for educational tours of an example of habitat restoration. Staff will research what may be permitted in the habitat area; and discuss the idea with George McMenamini.

c. 2017 Meeting Schedule

The COE concurred to continue with the alternating meeting schedule of regular meetings and workshop meetings to be held the fourth Wednesday of each month.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

CCE Update/CAP Update
Green Building Update

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned to a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

Approved at the meeting of January 25, 2016

Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager