

City of Capitola

Commission on the Environment Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 6:00 PM



Capitola City Hall, Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Chairperson: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law

Commissioners: Anthony Lacenere, Margaux Keiser, Jason Shepardson, Peter Wilk

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN IN-PERSON MEETING NO REMOTE ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioners: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law, Chair, Anthony Lacenere, Margaux Keiser, Jason Shepardson, Peter Wilk

2. Oral and Written 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.

3. Consider the minutes from the February 15, 2023, Regular Commission Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

4. General Business

A. Presentation by Don Alley (D.W. Alley & Associates)

Recommended Action: Review information regarding the health of Soquel Creek and potential mitigation and/or volunteer opportunities

B. Use of Green Building Funds

Recommended Action: Continue discussion on potential uses for Green Building Funds

C. Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) Riparian Vegetation Planting Reimbursement Program

Recommended Action: Discuss outreach opportunities to eligible parcels

5. Items for Future Agenda

6. Adjournment

Next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Anthony Lacenere, Jason Shepardson, Peter Wilk
Commissioners Absent: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law - Chair, Margaux Keiser
City Staff Present: Jessica Kahn

Vice Chairperson Shepardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Oral and Written Communications - None

3. Consider the minutes from the February 1, 2023, Special Commission meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Wilk and seconded by Commissioner Lacenere. Motion passed unanimously. (3-0-2)

4. General Business

A. Use of Green Building Funds

The Commission considered various uses of Green Building Funds. Topics included:

- Climate Action Planning Activities
- Heritage Trees – potential incentive program to encourage residents designate and maintain heritage trees
- Further work on Soquel Creek

The Commission requested that Don Alley attend a future meeting to present on the health of Soquel Creek and potential mitigation and/or volunteer opportunities that the Commission may participate in/support.

The Commission requested that the City consider entering contract with Save Our Shores for beach clean ups prior to the summer season using the Green Building Funds.

This item will be re-agendized for the March Commission meeting.

5. Items for Future Agenda

The Commission requested that the following items be agendized for a future meeting:

- Continuation on Use Green Building Funds
- Presentation by Don Alley on Soquel/Noble Gulch Creek health

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm to the next Regular Meeting of the Commission of the Environment on March 15, 2023.

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