

****The meeting time has changed to 5:00 p.m. for this workshop****



**AGENDA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016
5:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

DISCUSSION

1. Climate Action Plan & CCE
2. Green Building Ordinance
3. Ongoing Work Items
 - a. Procurement Policies
 - b. Website
 - c. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project
 - d. Eco Walk
 - e. Farmer's Market

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT to September 28, 2016

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.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Disability-related aids or services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Assisted listening devices are available for individuals with hearing impairments at the meeting in the City Council Chambers. Should you require special accommodations to participate in the meeting due to a disability, please contact the City Clerk's office at least 24-hours in advance of the meeting at 831-475-7300. In an effort to accommodate individuals with environmental sensitivities, attendees are requested to refrain from wearing perfumes and other scented products.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Memo

To: Steve Jesberg
From: Eddie Ray Garcia/City Hall Admin
Date: August 16, 2016
RE: Public Works Supplies Procurement & Recycling
City Hall Supplies Procurement & Recycling

Public Works

The Capitola Public Works Department is committed to proactively reducing our waste stream, recycling when possible, and using environmentally friendly products when applicable.

Eight years ago, while reviewing our purchasing of cleaning supplies, it was discovered that there were better alternatives that were less harmful to the crew, the public, and the environment. The main source of concern was the cleaning chemicals, which contained acids and other harsh chemicals. We solicited bids from several cleaning supply firms focusing on “green” chemicals, paper with recycled content, and price. We chose Cleansource (now Supplyworks) because they best fit our needs. We trained the crew on the use and benefits of the new products and completed the conversion.

We then took a look at how we handled waste in our Corporation Yard. Working with Waste Management/Greenwaste, we added additional roll off bins and built two open faced bins; one for green waste and one for garbage. We now have the ability to separate metal and green waste for recycling from our garbage. We have also added a 4-yard bin at the yard so that we can recycle cardboard and paper. We also collect old batteries and recycle them through Greenwaste. Old florescent tubes and paint are now collected and stored on site until they can be transported to the Buena Vista landfill for recycling. Old metal street signs are repurposed by sending them to a sign manufacturer where they are hydro-stripped and re-sheeted with a new reflective sign surface. To keep dog waste off our sidewalks and out of our water systems, the City supplies green dispensers with biodegradable bags throughout our town.

In our City parks and right of ways, we use an integrated management system to minimize waste. We operate on the three L's: low water, low maintenance, and lots of color. In our parks, ornamental turf has been reduced to essential playing surfaces and high value sites. Spray irrigation systems in our landscapes are continually being converted to drip irrigation systems to improve water efficiency. Drought tolerant plants, succulents, and native plants are inter-planted with colorful perennials and ornamental grasses in these landscaped areas. We use recycled wood chips in our City landscapes to beautify, save water, and eliminate hauling to a landfill. Wood chips used in conjunction with weed block fabrics have helped us to control weeds and keep the use of pesticides to a minimum.

The mechanics also participate in our recycling effort. Used oil and antifreeze are collected and stored in a shed until they are picked up for recycling. Old tires are recycled at the Buena Vista landfill.

City Hall

City Hall has been implementing many of the best practices recommended for preferable product purchasing and practices. Daily practices such as using copy paper and most paper products that are 50% post-consumer recycled content, remanufactured printer toner cartridges, utilizing duplex features for printing, scanning documents for storage and transmission of electronic information; and establishing a digital reading device purchasing policy to reduce the amount of paper waste from the production of paper packets.

All departments practice waste prevention and recycle wherever possible.

WHALE TAIL® Grants

Help support more WHALE TAIL® Grants by donating to the [Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund](#) at the bottom of your California State Tax Form!

THE 2015/16 WHALE TAIL® GRANT RECIPIENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED. THE NEXT ROUND OF FUNDING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AROUND LABOR DAY 2016.



Introduction: The WHALE TAIL® grants support programs that teach California's children and the general public to value and take action to improve the health of the state's marine and coastal resources. Adopt-A-Beach® programs, as well as other beach maintenance and coastal habitat restoration projects that have an educational component, are also eligible for these grants. This grants program focuses on reaching communities that are currently poorly served in terms of marine and coastal education.

Available Funding: A total of \$399,000 will be distributed in the 2015/16 grant cycle. Applicants may request any amount up to \$50,000, and 25-50% of the funding will be allocated in small grants under \$10,000.

Categories of Grants: The WHALE TAIL® Grants Program funds projects that fall into any one of the following three categories: 1) Adopt-A-Beach® programs; 2) Youth programs; 3) Programs for the general public. In addition, applicants may request funding under a subcategory for projects addressing climate change and/or ocean acidification.

Eligibility: Applicants must be either a non-profit organization, a school, or a governmental entity. For beach operation and maintenance projects, the applicant must be a non-profit organization or local governmental agency. For proposals in the Adopt-A-Beach® category, both current and new Adopt-A-Beach® managers are eligible to apply.

Background: This program distributes funds from sales of the WHALE TAIL® Coastal Protection License Plate and from donations to the "Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund" listed on the California state tax form. The WHALE TAIL® License Plate is an official "specialty" license plate issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Proceeds from the sales of the plates benefit the California Coastal Commission's Adopt-A-Beach® Program, California Coastal Cleanup Day and a wide variety of coastal and marine education projects throughout the state. The "Protect Our Coast and Oceans Fund" is one of the "tax check-off" funds listed on the California state tax form, offering taxpayers the option to provide voluntary donations of any amount. Proceeds from contributions to this fund specifically benefit the WHALE TAIL® Grants Program.

From: [Kailash Mozumder](mailto:kailashmozumder@gmail.com)
To: [Uharriet, Danielle \(duharriet@ci.capitola.ca.us\)](mailto:duharriet@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Fwd: City of Capitola - Farmers Market
Date: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 4:53:31 PM

Hi Danielle,

I forwarded this response to Kristin and Amy, I got a return message from Kristin, I think I might not have her correct e-mail. Either-way, I also through this would be good to share with you. I also contacted Catherine Barr and she shared the same thoughts as Nesh. If there is someone else you think I should contact regarding trying to have a farmers market in Capitola please let me know.

Thank you,
Kailash

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **INFO SCCFM** <info@santacruzfarmersmarket.org>
Date: Wed, Jun 29, 2016 at 7:20 AM
Subject: Re: City of Capitola - Farmers Market
To: Kailash Mozumder <kkmozumder@gmail.com>

Hello Kailash-

Sorry for not responding soon...I have been out of town. You might want to call me about gathering more information and understanding why the markets in the past did not work. The short answer is SCCFM is not interested in starting a market in Capitola or another market in the county. We have enough and adding another market down the street from Cabrillo and the Eastside FM makes no sense. Food dollars just will get split up. My growers won't go for it. If we thought there was enough demand...it would have been done a long time ago. The other thing is...there are no good spots. The spot you suggest is parking for the Village. Taking away parking will create so many more problems for the City...it's already maxed out. That location is so hidden too. I looked at that spot when the City asked me in 2004 to run a market.

I understand why people want to open markets in their neighborhood and it makes sense that the City of Capitola wants to have their own market but the reality is the economics don't work. If my Eastside FM was three miles down from where it is now...it could be officially be called the Capitola FM. We spent sixteen years building that site and it was touch and go for about ten. The market at Cabrillo is world class and has always been considered Capitola's market.

My suggestion is to promote the two markets that already exist and have a great following. I'm sure Catherine Barr, ED for MBCFA would agree with my position. Make sure you reach out to her. Feel free to call me if you would like to discuss more.

Best Regards-
Nesh Dhillon

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Nesh Dhillon
Executive Director
Santa Cruz Community Farmers' Markets
[831-454-0566](tel:831-454-0566) (office)

On 6/22/16 8:04 PM, Kailash Mozumder wrote:

Hello,

My name is Kailash Mozumder, I volunteer for the City of Capitola on their commission on the environment (<http://www.cityofcapitola.org/cote/page/commission-environment>). Our commission is interested in re-visiting the idea of having a farmers market here in our city. From what I have gathered, previous efforts to have a farmers market in Capitola did not stick due to a variety of reasons. During our last commission meeting we discussed using the new parking lot, and the City is supportive of the idea. From this link you can see the location of this parking lot labeled "Beach and Village Parking Lot"

(http://www.cityofcapitola.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community/page/2609/capitola_village_public_parking_map.pdf)

Ultimately we would like to help create a successful farmers market, so any other thoughts on location are definitely open for consideration.

I look forward to following up with an in person or phone conversation. Please let me know how best to get in touch with you to discuss the idea of creating a farmers market in Capitola.

Thank you for your time,
Kailash
[831-212-0872](tel:831-212-0872)

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