



MINUTES
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015
6:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010

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

Peter Wilk made a motion to approve the July 22, 2015 meeting minutes. Amie Forest seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0, Jacques Bertrand and Kristin Sullivan abstained.
Jacques Bertrand made a motion to approve the August 26, 2015 workshop minutes. Peter Wilk seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Review, Prioritize, Approve the Work Plan

The Commission continued working on the overall work plan.

Website Development: Amie Forest gave an update on the environmental page for the website. She presented a COE Landing Page for review by the Commission. The Commissioners provided input and unanimously agreed the Landing Page was excellent and asked Amie to proceed with development of the page.

Residential Energy Audit: Jacques Bertrand reported that he, Rich Grunow, Community Development Director and Tony Condotti, City Attorney met to discuss creating an ordinance requiring an energy audit at point of sale or transfer. Staff noted that Rich Grunow will be including the concept as part of the Climate Action Plan presentation to the City Council in October. Jacques stated he will complete the work plan description for COE consideration.

Energy – Solar Promotion and Education: Jacques Bertrand agreed to continue to work on the development of a checklist for homeowners to review and consider green building opportunities utilizing the HERO Program.

Soquel Creek: Kristin Sullivan reported that Kailash Mozumder meet with Soquel Creek Water District staff to talk about the watershed. Peter Wilk was awaiting the plan from George McMenam. Staff reported that George was working on the plan but had not received anything to review as of the meeting. Staff gave a brief description of the proposed use of herbicide for the ivy removal. A discussion ensued about the use of herbicide, with Kristin Sullivan offering to research options to herbicide use. Steve Jesberg suggested that George McMenam attend the next workshop meeting to present his plan and discuss the use of herbicide in the project.

Safe Routes and Alternative Transportation: Kristin Sullivan reported that Kailash Mozumder met with transportation staff from the City of Santa Cruz regarding bike lockers and ridership. The Commission inquired about the parking management program. Steve Jesberg suggested that he propose a work plan description, discuss with Kailash, and COE consideration.

Climate Action Plan: Kristin Sullivan reported she had met with Rich to discuss the Draft CAP and Implementation Plan. The key will be education and public outreach to the Capitola businesses and residents using the website, HERO program, Solar Roadmap, Climate Action Compact, and Green Building Ordinance. The Commission discussed showcasing local businesses that have installed solar, such as Macy's recent solar conversion. Additional discussion included requiring substantial remodel construction to include improvements to be solar ready.

City Procurement: Kristin Sullivan agreed to work on the work plan description for this item.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Presentation by George McMenamin regarding Peery Park.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned to a Workshop Meeting on November 18, 2015.

Approved at the meeting of November 18, 2015

Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager