



MEETING MINUTES CAPITOLA COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
City Community Room
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola CA

Steve Jesberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Members present: Amie Forest, Kristin Sullivan, Peter Wilk

Members absent: Jacques Bertrand

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: Adam Wood, Laura Wood

2. WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Amie Forest stated she had received a business advertisement in a plastic bag with a rock at her doorstep. She inquired about any regulation that prohibits distribution of advertising materials on private property.

Steve Jesberg announced the City will hold a public workshop to discuss plans for the Rispin Mansion Park on Saturday, February 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room. The focus of the workshop will be defining and developing conceptual uses for the park site adjacent to the historic Rispin Mansion.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kristin Sullivan made a motion to approve the November 17, 2014 meeting minutes. Amie Forest seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Introduction of new commissioner Peter Wilk

Pete Wilk introduced himself, commenting that he is interested in learning about and educating the community about Soquel Creek.

b. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Commission unanimously agreed to wait to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair until Councilmember Harlan appointed a member.

c. Discussion of SEED Program

Danielle Uharriet gave an update on behalf of the Community Development Department:

- CDD submitted materials this week to participate in the Solar Roadmap Initiative, which includes the SEED program. Jade Street Community Center is a potential site for consideration.
- CDD will present a resolution for Council consideration in February or March for the City to participate in the HERO program, a financing program for solar installation.

Climate Action Plan Update

- Work on the Climate Action Plan is progressing. Most of the technical modeling has been completed and the city's consultants are currently preparing the administrative draft CAP. The good news: it appears that the measures previously reviewed by the COE will achieve adequate greenhouse gas emission reductions to comply with state mandates through the near and mid-term horizons. The concern the city has, along with many other CA agencies, is how to achieve mandated reduction targets for the long term – 2100 and beyond – when emission savings from currently proposed measures are exhausted. The approach most agencies have taken is to commit to regular updates of their CAP to identify potential savings from new technologies as they become available. The CAP staff will share a pre-public review draft with the COE to receive feedback prior to public release.

d. Report on Rain Barrel Program

Danielle Uharriet reported that the initial city rain barrel program was a success with the sale of 80 barrels. The city council's subsidy was an incentive for residents to participate in the program. Staff is hopeful that Soquel Creek Water District will offer the rain barrel program next year, with city residents receiving a city rebate.

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

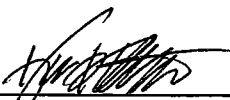
Steve Jesberg suggested the Commission discuss their 2015 work plan at the workshop meeting.

Kristin Sullivan requested the CAP update be an ongoing agenda item. She also suggested the COE develop educational material for the city's website.

Pete Wilk requested a discussion on Soquel Creek: signage, creek awareness and education, clean ups.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The commission adjourned to a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, California.

Approved at the meeting of March 25, 2015



Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager