



MEETING MINUTES CAPITOLA COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, September 22, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola CA

Chairperson Elisabeth Russell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Members present: Bruce Arthur, Maddie Marlatt, Dennis Norton, Kristin Sullivan, and Elisabeth Russell - Chairperson

Members absent: Amie Forest

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Rich Grunow, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

2. WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kristin Sullivan commented on the Climate March in New York.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 18, 2014

Dennis Norton made a motion to approve the August 18, 2014 meeting minutes. Bruce Arthur seconded. Motion passed 3-0, Elisabeth Russell abstained.

4. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP):

a. Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk

Elisabeth Russell presented the document *Safeguarding California: Reducing Climate Risk*. The plan was developed by the Natural Resources Agency of California as an implementation tool to help foster a vibrant and sustainable future for California.

b. Energy Benchmarking

Joe Button, AMBAG Special Projects Associate, gave a presentation on the AMBAG Energy Watch program's Municipal Facility Benchmarking project, which the city facilities were evaluated. Mr. Button commented that the city facilities perform well in comparison to the energy performance of similar buildings nationwide.

c. Draft Green House Gas Reduction Measures (GHG)

Rich Grunow presented a staff report. He suggested the COE review and prioritize the reduction measures presented in the staff report and discuss at the October workshop meeting.

Dennis Norton inquired about the timing of the GHG, and how the measures would work into the adopted General Plan, and if the GHG would be done prior to the zoning ordinance.

Rich Grunow explained the CAP is separate from the General Plan to allow for changes to the plan outside the General Plan amendment process. The COE comments will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council during their respective reviews.

Elisabeth Russell suggested each member select 10 top items to discuss along with possible incentives for implementation.

Bruce Arthur suggested selecting reduction measures that may be supported by the community.

Kristin Sullivan requested staff provide a copy of the Green Economy Matrix to the COE.

The COE, by consensus, agreed to review and prioritize the top 10 reduction measures for discussion at the October workshop meeting.

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Climate Action Plan – Draft Green House Gas Reduction Measures

6. ADJOURNMENT – The commission adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to a workshop on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, California.

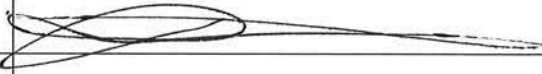




Approved at the meeting of November 17, 2014



Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

**COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Sign in Sheet**

Meeting Date: 22 SEPTEMBER 2014

Name	Signature
Bruce Arthur	
Amie Forest	
Maddie Marlatt	
Dennis Norton	
Elisabeth Russell	
Kristin Sullivan	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Visitors</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Affiliation/Interest</u></p>
Joseph Button	AMBAG