



MEETING MINUTES CAPITOLA COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, June 16, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola CA

Vice-Chairperson Kristin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Members present: Bruce Arthur, Dennis Norton, and Kristin Sullivan-Vice-Chairperson

Members absent: Amie Forest, Maddie Marlatt, Elisabeth Russell

City Staff Present: Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

2. WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 21, 2014

Kristin Sullivan made a motion to approve the April 21, 2014 meeting minutes. Bruce Arthur seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

4.a Rain Barrel Program

Staff proposed a rain barrel program to promote water conservation and to offer rain barrels to the citizens of Capitola at a reduced rate. Residents within the Soquel Creek Water District may apply for a rebate from the District. The program will be organized similar to the programs offered by Scotts Valley Water District and Santa Cruz Municipal Utilities

Bruce Arthur made a motion to recommend the City Council approve an initial 99 rain barrel city-wide program available to all residents at a price of \$70 per barrel with a limit of two barrels per property. Dennis Norton seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

4.b City Hall Landscape Project and Parking Lot LID Project

Staff provided the status of funding for the city hall landscape project, noting that the City Council had approved funds for the project. Additionally staff has applied for funding through a Prop 84 LID Design Program. The initial site assessment of the city hall parking lot has been completed and proceeding to the next phase of the program.

Bruce Arthur made a motion to recommend the City Council hire Michael Arnone and Associates to design the city hall landscape and site design plans, including a demonstration garden and signage plan. Dennis Norton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

4.c Water Issues

■ Turf Removal at city facilities

Staff presented the status of various turf removal projects on city property: city hall-budget approved for landscape and site improvements; Esplanade Park is currently being reviewed and the water from the shower will be tested to determine the potential for recycling as landscape irrigation water; Noble Gulch Park and portions of Monterey Park, excluding the sport fields, are currently being reviewed for landscape modifications.

Dennis Norton requested reviewing the water meter bills for all the parks to evaluate the potential for water conservation and use reduction at all city park facilities.

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – WORKSHOP

Bruce Arthur discussed the Rispin upper terrace landscape plan and if there are any the ADA plans proposed to address current legal issues. He commented that the Wetland is not functional and requested the Public Works Director Steve Jesberg address the status of the Wetland and potential improvements.

Dennis Norton commented that poor water quality counts in Soquel Creek are a significant problem. He suggested a sub-committee discuss ways to address the trash, seagulls, and pigeons under the wharf.

Kristin Sullivan requested that the Climate Action Plan be a regular agenda item. She requested that Community Development Director Rich Grunow provide a status report at the next regular meeting. She suggested that the Commission look at other seaside community's climate action plans for examples to consider including in the Capitola CAP.

6. ADJOURNMENT – The commission adjourned at 7:02 p.m. to a Workshop on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, California.

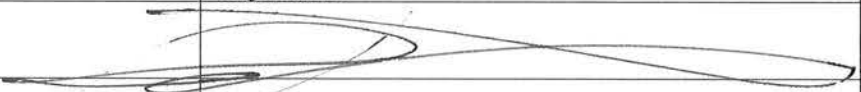


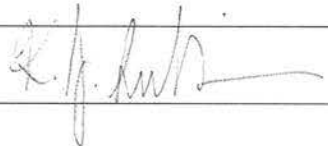
Approved at the meeting of August 18, 2014



Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Sign in Sheet

Meeting Date: 6/10/14

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| Amie Forest |  |
| Maddie Marlatt | |
| Dennis Norton |  |
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