

City of Capitola Commission on the Environment Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2023– 6:00 PM



Capitola City Hall, Community Room
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Chairperson: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law

Commissioners: Anthony Lacenere, Margaux Keiser, Jason Shepardson, Peter Wilk

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law - Chair, Anthony Lacenere, Jason Shepardson
Commissioners Absent: Margaux Keiser, Peter Wilk
City Staff Present: Jessica Kahn

Chairperson Beritzhoff-Law called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. Oral and Written Communications - None

3. Consider the minutes from the October 19, 2022, regular Commission meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Shepardson and seconded by Chair Beritzhoff-Law. Motion passed unanimously. (3-0-2)

4. General Business

A. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Shepardson moved to nominate Chair Beritzhoff-Law the Chair to the Commission on the Environment; seconded by Commissioner Lacenere. There were no further recommendations and nominations were closed. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Beritzhoff-Law moved to nominate Commissioner Shepardson the Vice-Chair to the Commission on the Environment; seconded by Commissioner Lacenere. There were no further recommendations and nominations were closed. The motion carried unanimously

B. Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area Riparian Vegetation Planting Reimbursement Program

The Commission considered the appropriateness of bringing forward this program during the current state of emergency and if there are potential better uses of the Green Building Fund at this time. The Commission also considered that the program may be beneficial at this time to those re-establishing planting that have been damaged during the storms as well as establishing a continuous program.

The Commission requested that this item be re-agendized to the next meeting to allow time for additional review.

C. 2023 Commission Goals and Priorities

The Commission considered 2023 Commission Goals and Priorities presented in the staff report. The Commission agreed upon the following priorities for 2023:

- Compostable and Biodegradable Take Out Materials Restaurant Guide
- Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area Riparian Vegetation Planting Reimbursement Program
- Use of Green Building Fund
- Proactively support City and non-profits in clean up, rebuild, and mitigation measures in response to the current climate emergency

A motion to establish the above Goals and Priorities for 2022 was made by Commissioner Shepardson and seconded by Commissioner Lacenere. Motion passed unanimously. (3-0-2)

5. Items for Future Agenda

- The Commission has requested a Special Meeting for Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6 pm. Staff will verify that there is a space available to hold the meeting.
- The Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area Riparian Vegetation Planting Reimbursement Program will be re-agendized for the next Commission meeting.
- Correspondence to the Council will be agendized for the next meeting.
- Regular meeting schedule for the Commission will be agendized for the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm to the next Regular Meeting of the Commission of the Environment on February 15, 2023.