

City of Capitola

Commission on the Environment Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2023– 6:00 PM



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

Vice Chairperson Shepardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Oral and Written Communications - None

3. Consider the minutes from the February 1, 2023, Special Commission meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Wilk and seconded by Commissioner Lacenere. Motion passed unanimously. (3-0-2)

4. General Business

A. Use of Green Building Funds

The Commission considered various uses of Green Building Funds. Topics included:

- Climate Action Planning Activities
- Heritage Trees – potential incentive program to encourage residents designate and maintain heritage trees
- Further work on Soquel Creek

The Commission requested that Don Alley attend a future meeting to present on the health of Soquel Creek and potential mitigation and/or volunteer opportunities that the Commission may participate in/support.

The Commission requested that the City consider entering contract with Save Our Shores for beach clean ups prior to the summer season using the Green Building Funds.

This item will be re-agendized for the March Commission meeting.

5. Items for Future Agenda

The Commission requested that the following items be agendaized for a future meeting:

- Continuation on Use Green Building Funds
- Presentation by Don Alley on Soquel/Noble Gulch Creek health

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm to the next Regular Meeting of the Commission of the Environment on March 15, 2023.