

MINUTES
Commission on the Environment
Regular Meeting
September 28, 2016

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Amie Forest, Kailash Mozumder, Peter Wilk, and Chair Kristin Sullivan

Commissioners Absent: Jacques Bertrand

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kristin Sullivan made a motion to approve the March 23, 2016 meeting minutes Peter Wilk seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Climate Action Plan & CCE

Steve Jesberg participated in a sea level rise working group with MBARI. A draft report was to be released for further comment by the early fall.

On September 22, 2016, the City Council adopted a resolution affirming the City's intent to participate in governance and financing discussions for the proposed Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

2. Green Building Ordinance

Staff will be presenting a draft ordinance to the COE at the November meeting.

3. Ongoing Work Items

a. Procurement Practices – no further discussion

b. Website

Amie Forest presented the Environmentally Sustainable Living in Capitola website. The COE reviewed each page, commented and will provide detailed comments and additional information to be incorporated at the October workshop.

c. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

Peter Wilk reported that the last work day before the rainy season was successfully held on September 10th. A few native plants were planted in protective gopher baskets and surrounding deer wire. George McMenamin will be demonstrating the proper installation of a waddle in the exposed slope areas.

d. Whale Tail Grant Application for Eco Walk

Staff stated that the Whale Tail Grant is due on November 1, 2016. Although the general idea for the Eco Tour has been detailed, the grant criteria specifically states that the proposal should demonstrate that the concept has been fully thought out and developed into a concrete, feasible project with clearly stated goals, measurable objectives, defined audience, workable project design and clear plan for implementation. Staff suggested postponing the grant application and develop a project that will be ready for the grant next year. The next steps will be to have Julia Gaudinski of Mobile Ranger give a presentation to the COE at the October workshop meeting, then work to develop a concrete project.

Peter Wilk suggested Soquel Creek be included in the Eco Tour. He also suggested the riparian area owned by Redtree (the Creekside parcel at the back of the Nob Hill parking lot) be considered for

educational tours of an example of habitat restoration. Staff will research what may be permitted in the habitat area. And discuss the idea with George McMenemy.

e. Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event

Peter Wilk commented that Jacques Bertrand had discussed the idea with the Santa Cruz Grey Bears. Grey Bears has Repair Café that the COE can consider promoting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

October Workshop: Julia Gaudinski of Mobile Ranger, review the COE goals and objectives, website
November Meeting: Green Building Ordinance, Peery Park Sign, Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned to a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

Approved at the meeting of November 16, 2016



Danjelle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager