

MINUTES
Commission on the Environment
Regular Meeting
May 24, 2017

Peter Wilk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jacques Bertrand, Bella Hammond (student member), Megan Sixt, and Chair Peter Wilk

Commissioners Absent: Cathlin Atchison, Alyssa Millwood-Donahue, Kailash Mozumder

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jacques Bertrand made a motion to approve the March 22, 2017 meeting minutes Peter Wilk seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0, Megan Sixt abstained.

DISCUSSION

1. Work Program Updates

a. Eco Walk/Tour

Peter Wilk will meet with Kailash Mozumder to discuss and review the sites, and stops proposed for the tour. Steve Jesberg encouraged the Commission to work quickly to define the project scope, route and to begin working on the narratives for the walk. Staff will discuss the project scope with the artist, and if interested, request a bid proposal for the Whale Tail grant application.

b. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

An ivy removal work day was held on April 30th. There were four new volunteers, seven participants total, who made a clean-up of the upper flat areas of the park, removing new growth since the last event in 2016. The removal effort should continue with training volunteers on the Redtree hill area, while Staff completes and submits the 1602 consult permit to California Fish and Wildlife. Peter Wilk will contact Mr. McMenamin to schedule the next work day. Bella Hammond recommended contacting Mr. Roberts at New Brighton Middle School to request posting the event fliers on campus.

c. McGregor Park Enhancement Project

Jacques Bertrand is compiling a detailed description of the invasive eucalyptus grove to submit to John Laird, California Secretary for Natural Resources. Mr. Bertrand suggested working jointly with State Parks to save the oak trees in the area.

Megan Sixt offered to ask State Parks who the appropriate liaison would be to assist with this effort.

d. HERO Energy Savings/Energy Efficiency Flyer

Staff reported the City has funds available to offer grants to income eligible, senior citizens and disabled persons for energy efficiency upgrades. The Community Development Department has mailed ~3000 fliers to mobilehome owners, townhouse and condo property owners. There has been a tremendous response to the outreach effort, and now the Housing Authority is responding to interested parties, distributing applications and moving forward with the program.

e. Central Coast Climate Collaboration (4C's)

Jacques Bertrand presented information about the steering committee nominations, summer conference, goals, participating organizations, and bylaws.

2. Other Items

a. Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event – July 29, 2017

Jacques Bertrand suggested the Commission promote the event and consider participating. He requested fliers be available at the public counter.

b. Fishing Line Disposal Units

Megan Sixt offered to contact Surfrider Foundation to obtain the specifications of the fishing line disposal units, such as the size, signage, number of units suggested for placement, who is responsible for emptying and maintains the units. Staff requested a photo of the unit and signage, similar to the photo in the agenda packet. The information should be transmitted to staff who will schedule the item for a future City Council agenda to approve the units and the locations for placement.

Jacques Bertrand made a motion for Megan make the presentation to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Peter Wilk. The motion passed 3-0.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA - None

ADJOURNMENT to Workshop on June 28, 2017

Approved at the meeting of January 23, 2018



Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager