

**MINUTES**  
**Commission on the Environment**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 25, 2017**

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Cathlin Atchison, 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** – Kailash Mozumder attended a wildlife symposium, at which the monarch population was discussed; noting the lack of native west coast milkweed seeds that are distributed throughout local habitat. It was suggested that the new landscape plans for Rispin Park incorporate native milkweed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Peter Wilk made a motion to approve the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes Kailash Mozumder seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0, Cathlin Atchison abstained.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Introduction of new commissioner Cathlin Atchison

Cathlin Atchison introduced herself, commenting that she wrote the City of Santa Cruz first Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and first Climate Adaptation Plan. She also managed the City's Green Business Program and is looking forward to being a member of the COE.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Peter Wilk was unanimously elected Chair (Atchison/Wilk)  
Kailash Mozumder was unanimously elected Vice-Chair (Atchison/Wilk)

3. 2017 Projects

The Commission discussed the various work plan items and requested the work plan be redistributed for the Workshop. The main accomplishments from 2016 were Peery Park and creating the Environmentally Sustainable Living in Capitola website.

4. Program Updates

a. Eco Walk/Tour

The Commission discussed other options to the app tour; and additional items of interest to add to the tour, such as heritage trees. Staff will research who assisted the Museum with the historical tour. Kailash Mozumder will research the cost to print a brochure.

b. Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event

Kailash Mozumder will continue to work on the community recycle week. He stated that Jacques Bertrand will be working on coordinating with Grey Bears for the Fix It Event to either advertise the Grey Bears events or establish a Capitola specific event.

c. Tannery Gulch Trail

Staff stated a restoration project will be difficult as the trail is located on state property.

d. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project


Peter Wilk requested the restoration map be posted on the website and a sign be placed. He emphasized the need to work downslope to make progress on the project. A discussion ensued regarding the future progress of the restoration project. Steve Jesberg commented there is a possibility of hiring a professional crew or utilizing an AmeriCorp crew to work in the more sensitive areas. Peter Wilk will contact Mr. McMenamain to strategize the next steps for the project.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Kristin Sullivan requested an update of the CAP and CCE. Staff reported that Community Development staff is working on the Zoning Ordinance and will be progressing on the CAP following the Zoning Ordinance. The CCE is in the process of defining and forming a board of directors. Cathlin Atchison volunteered to review the Zoning Ordinance Update for environmental interests.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned to a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Approved at the meeting of March 22, 2017



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Danielle Uharriet  
Environmental Projects Manager