

MINUTES
Commission on the Environment
Regular Meeting
March 22, 2017

Peter Wilk called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jacques Bertrand, Kailash Mozumder, Isabella Hammond (student member), and Chair Peter Wilk

Commissioners Absent: Cathlin Atchison

City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: Rosper Ledug, Nicole Plaskett, Stuart Miller, Jessie Camarena, Harrison Hammig-Gerwin

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Kailash Mozumder attended the 3rd Annual State of the San Lorenzo River Symposium Focused on Flow presented by the Coastal Watershed Council. He also attended a presentation by Patrick Robinson at CSUMB about the elephant seals.

Jacques Bertrand attended the Monterey Bay Climate Action Group and the Central Coast Climate Collaborative (4C) who will be hosting a one day event in August. He inquired how the website is updated. Steve Jesberg recommended that the Commission forward the new or updated information to staff with suggested placement on the website and staff will update the site.

Peter Wilk requested an update from staff regarding the Single-Use Plastic and Paper Carryout Bag Reduction Ordinance revision presented by Dennis Norton at the February Workshop. Steve Jesberg stated that Santa Cruz County did not adopt a new ordinance, only began a greater educational outreach and enforcement effort of the existing ordinance. Capitola's ordinance currently meets and exceeds the County's ordinance. Save Our Shores suggested the following modifications to Capitola's ordinance for consideration:

1. Section 8.36.020 Paragraph G. Add: "straws" following "knives" in the second line of the paragraph.
2. Section 8.36.040 Paragraph A. Add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph: "The recommended fee, based on consumer survey data indicating at what level such a fee would incentivize behavior change, is \$00.25."
3. Section 8.36.040 Paragraph B. Add the following language to the end of the sentence: "that is consistent with ASTM D6400 or D6880 and is certified compostable in accordance with the Biodegradable Product Institute certification protocol."

Currently, staff is implementing another educational outreach effort for local businesses. And will be following the success of the County's efforts before recommending amendments to the Capitola ordinance.

Peter Wilk volunteered to follow up with Mr. Norton to ensure his concerns were addressed or if there was something further to review.

1. Introduction of new student member

The Commission unanimously welcomed Isabella Hammond as a student member to the Commission.

2. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation for Kristin Sullivan

Kristin Sullivan was not present at the meeting. Peter Wilk volunteered to acknowledge Kristin's contributions to the Commission at the upcoming City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 25, 2017 meeting minutes

Kailash Mozumder made a motion to approve the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes, Jacques Bertrand seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2017 Projects

The Commission reviewed the list of actions and projects developed at the February Workshop. The following is the 2017 Work Plan:

- **Eco Walk.** Pursue the creation of a self-guided tour of Capitola focusing on ecological highlights throughout the town. This would include a map, illustrations and background information. The goal is to have this plan detailed enough to apply for a "Whale Tail" funding grant. Mozumder/Wilk.
- **Peery Park.** Continue efforts on this Soquel Creek restoration project with the goal of getting Fish and Game permission and begin work on the creek banks. Wilk
- **Escalona Creek Restoration.** Pursue whether an effort similar to the Peery park project could be expanded to include this Depot Hill location. Bertrand
- **Carpooling Promotion.** Pursue the establishment of a rideshare program and parking location. Bertrand
- **HERO Energy savings.** Work with local realtors to determine what might be an acceptable energy savings goal for new and resale housing. The model would be to have something similar to what is in place in San Francisco and Berkeley. Bertrand
- **Central Coast Climate Collaboration (4C's).** Expand the committee's reach with more active participation in this committee (and perhaps others). Bertrand/Atchison

2. Program Updates

a. Eco Walk/Tour

Danielle Uharriet announced that Don Ramie, graphic artist, has agreed to meet and discuss the potential walking tour. Kalish Mozumder and Peter Wilk will review the design materials prepared by prior Commissions before meeting with Mr. Ramie.

- b. Recycle/Repair/Fix It Event – July 29, 2017
- c. Escalona Gulch Trail
- d. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Participating in regional organizations such as 4c (Central Coast Climate Collaborative) and Monterey Bay Climate Action Group

ADJOURNMENT to Workshop on April 26, 2017

Approved at the meeting of May 24, 2017



Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager