

MINUTES
Commission on the Environment
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioners Present: Cathlin Atchison, Jacques Bertrand, Meredith Keet, Peter Wilk
Commissioners Absent: Michelle Beritzhoff-Law
City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Cathlin Atchison requested that protection of the monarch butterfly habitat be incorporated into any conditions for future development and/or construction that may occur at the Monarch Cove Inn property. Jacques Bertrand and Peter Wilk commented that the Planning Commission and Coastal Commission would be reviewing any future development and/or construction for the site.

Meredith Keet commented that she had met with Katherine O'Dea, Executive Director of Save Our Shores regarding a list of plastic pollution mitigation measures SOS would like the City to address.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. The minutes of February 27, 2019 were approved (Bertrand/Atchison)
2. Introduction of new commissioner Meredith Keet
Meredith commented she is the founder of the new Zero Shop in Capitola Village. A retail shop that aims to serve as a resource for building more ethical and sustainable habits in our everyday lives. A local business that strive to create a positive impact on the community for the health and future of the planet.
3. Amend the 2019 meeting schedule was approved (Wilk/Keet)
4. Review of the Commission Work Plan 2019

Previous work items:

♦ Soquel Creek/Peery Park Riparian Restoration

Peter Wilk recommended continuing to work on plan implementation and maintenance, with potential expansion of invasive species removal to enlarge the restoration area to join the adjacent existing Bay Avenue riparian area. Commissioner Wilk requested Community Development staff consider additional funding from the Tree Fund to enable continued work in Peery Park.

Jacques Bertrand suggested ivy removal in Noble Gulch Park and the potential opportunity for volunteer events in the park.

♦ Native Milkweed Campaign/Monarch Protection and Preservation

Cathlin Atchison stated she will either obtain photo permissions or provide photos for use in the informational flyer, then staff will post the information on the website. Chairperson Atchison offered to donate native milkweed seed for distribution at city hall. Commissioner Keet agreed to work on the distribution of the native seeds.

♦ Climate Action Plan Assistance

Peter Wilk commented the city was already in compliance with the CAP goals but suggested that the Commission review the CAP goals list previously provided by the Community Development Department (CDD), and work with the CDD to identify specific reduction measures for ongoing or potential implementation.

The Commission agreed to remove the following items from the Work Plan:

- ~~† EV promotion~~
- ~~— Increase charging station locations~~
- ~~† HERO promotion~~
- ~~— How to promote the HERO energy saving program~~

♦ Restaurant ordinance informational guide/leaflet

Develop an informational guide for distribution to restaurants regarding Capitola regulations
Meredith Keet inquired about city requirements and enforcement for restaurants to provide compostable ware. As a future agenda item, the Commission will review the city's single-use plastics and acceptable packaging ordinances.

♦ 4Cs Central Coast Climate Collaborative

Jacques Bertrand stated the 4Cs has several committees of which he is participating in the sea level rise committee and will continue to provide updates to the Commission.

New work items:

♦ Sustainability Guidance for Events in Capitola (example: Wharf-to-Wharf)

How to provide guidance to organizations/groups that put events on in Capitola regarding:

Reducing waste

Eliminating single use plastics with the aim of reducing plastic waste blowing onto the beach and into the sea

Sustainable water use

Michelle Beritzhoff-Law suggested developing an event sustainability guide. The Commission continued the item for future discussion. Norene Huber suggested that prior to school field trips, students were educated in the difference between garbage vs/ recycling.

Peter Wilk inquired about the number of hits on the Environmentally Sustainable Living in Capitola website tab and the status of the Green Building Guidelines. Staff will provide updates at the next meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Review of the city's Single-Use Plastic and Paper Carryout Bag Reduction Ordinance and Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Materials Ordinance

ADJOURNMENT to a Regular meeting on August 14, 2019

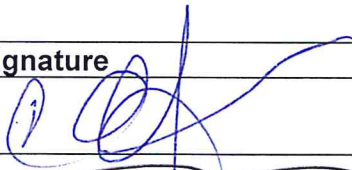

Approved at the meeting of August 14, 2019



Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Sign in Sheet

Meeting Date: 5.8.19

Name	Signature
Cathlin Atchison	
Jacques Bertrand	
Michelle Beritzhoff-Law	
Meredith Keet	Meredith Keet
Peter Wilk	Peter Wilk

<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Affiliation/Interest</u>
NOREENE HUBER	BEACH LITTER PREVENTION