



AGENDA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016
6:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.

The Committee Members may not discuss Oral Communications to any significant degree, but may request issues raised be placed on a future agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 23, 2016 and May 25, 2016

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Climate Action Plan & CCE
2. Green Building Ordinance
3. Ongoing Work Items
 - a. Procurement Policies
 - b. Website
 - c. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project
 - d. Eco Walk
 - e. Farmer's Market

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT to August 24, 2016

Notice: The Commission on the Environment meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Community Room located at 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola.

Agenda and Agenda Packet Materials: The Commission on the Environment Agenda is available on the City's website: www.cityofcapitola.org/ on Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. If you need additional information please contact the Public Works Department at (831) 475-7300.

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MINUTES
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016
6:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010

Kristin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05 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: Rich Grunow, Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Peter Wilk discussed Earth Hour. He suggested the COE promote the event in 2017.

Kailash Mozumder stated he will be attending a wildlife symposium in San Luis Obispo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Peter Wilk made a motion to approve the January 27, 2016 and February 24, 2016 meeting minutes.

Kristin Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Green Building Update

Rich Grunow stated the draft Green Building Update may be available to the COE in late spring or summer. Staff intends on modeling the city's program after City of Santa Cruz, who has created all the forms and procedures.

Peter Wilk stated he did not support making the city's requirements more restrictive for applicants. He wanted the process to be optional not mandatory.

Kristin Sullivan and Amie Forest disagreed and wanted to make the city's Green Building Program more restrictive, with incentives, than the minimal requirements, to meet and exceed the goals set forth in the Climate Action Plan.

Rich Grunow stated the adopted goals in the Climate Action Plan are to make the city requirements more restrictive. He said staff may consider a tiered approach to encourage varied levels of implementation, e.g. certificate, plaque, discounted fees.

2. Climate Action Plan Update

Rich Grunow stated the Monterey Bay Community Power Aggregation has released the feasibility study for technical review. The city council will be considering early adoption in the late spring or summer. Should the CCE proceed, then the city will have met and/or exceeded the climate reduction measures.

3. Sea Level Rise

Rich Grunow stated this is an ongoing draft study that may be available in late spring or summer. The draft study requires modifications prior to any public presentations.

4. Zoning Ordinance Update – Chapter 17.64 Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas

Rich Grunow requested comments from the COE regarding any changes to the Environmentally Sensitive Habitat section be submitted by early May for consideration by the Planning Commission. The proposed chapter is the same as the existing ordinance, with format changes.

5. Ongoing Work Items

a. Procurement Policies

The COE to review the existing Procurement Policies and advise staff of comments or changes. All changes will require review and approval of the City Council.

Amie Forest suggested prohibiting individual plastic bottles at city events.

b. Website

Amie Forest provided an update to the website. She requested additional web access for the page development and will contact Larry Laurent/IT to discuss.

c. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

Peter Wilk announced the next work day to be held on Saturday, April 16th. Kailash Mozumder suggested contacting the horticulture department at Cabrillo College for volunteers.

d. Eco Walk

Kristin Sullivan provided information to the COE on the previous attempts to publish an eco-walk map. She will send staff the files electronically.

e. Farmer's Market

Kristin Sullivan suggested the COE continue to research the possibility of bringing a farmer's market to Capitola. Amie Forest suggested the Beach and Village parking lot is a desirable location with adequate parking. Kailash Mozumder agreed to contact the local farmer's market organization and research possibilities for a Capitola market.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Climate Action Plan

Green Building

Website

Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project

Eco Walk

Farmer's Market

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned to a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

Approved at the meeting of May 25, 2016

Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager



MINUTES
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016
6:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Kailash Mozumder and Peter Wilk
Commissioners Absent: Jacques Bertrand, Amie Forest, Kristin Sullivan
City Staff Present: Steve Jesberg, Danielle Uharriet
Community Members Present: Jon Conway

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Peter Wilk commented on the progress of the Collaborative San Luis Obispo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 23, 2016. Continued to July 27, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Community Choice Energy
Jon Conway from the Romero Institute, an interfaith team of attorneys, organizers, and researchers committed to social justice causes, commented on the organization's work on the Community Choice Energy and was supportive of Capitola joining the future JPA.
2. Climate Action Plan Update – no reported update
3. Green Building Update – Community Development staff will be working on the update and will bring the draft documents to the Commission for review and comments
4. Zoning Ordinance Update – Chapter 17.64 Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas - no reported update
5. Ongoing Work Items
 - a. Procurement Policies – staff will present a draft to the Commission
 - b. Website – no reported update
 - c. Peery Park Habitat Restoration Project – Work Day #3 is scheduled for July 30, 2016
 - d. Eco Walk – staff will contact Mobile Ranger for information on the app
 - e. Farmer's Market – no reported update

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT: The two Commissioners ended their discussion; to be continued at a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Approved at the meeting of July 27, 2016

Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

From: [Kailash Mozumder](mailto:kailashmozumder@gmail.com)
To: [Uharriet, Danielle \(duharriet@ci.capitola.ca.us\)](mailto:duharriet@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Fwd: City of Capitola - Farmers Market
Date: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 4:53:31 PM

Hi Danielle,

I forwarded this response to Kristin and Amy, I got a return message from Kristin, I think I might not have her correct e-mail. Either-way, I also through this would be good to share with you. I also contacted Catherine Barr and she shared the same thoughts as Nesh. If there is someone else you think I should contact regarding trying to have a farmers market in Capitola please let me know.

Thank you,
Kailash

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **INFO SCCFM** <info@santacruzfarmersmarket.org>
Date: Wed, Jun 29, 2016 at 7:20 AM
Subject: Re: City of Capitola - Farmers Market
To: Kailash Mozumder <kkmozumder@gmail.com>

Hello Kailash-

Sorry for not responding soon...I have been out of town. You might want to call me about gathering more information and understanding why the markets in the past did not work. The short answer is SCCFM is not interested in starting a market in Capitola or another market in the county. We have enough and adding another market down the street from Cabrillo and the Eastside FM makes no sense. Food dollars just will get split up. My growers won't go for it. If we thought there was enough demand...it would have been done a long time ago. The other thing is...there are no good spots. The spot you suggest is parking for the Village. Taking away parking will create so many more problems for the City...it's already maxed out. That location is so hidden too. I looked at that spot when the City asked me in 2004 to run a market.

I understand why people want to open markets in their neighborhood and it makes sense that the City of Capitola wants to have their own market but the reality is the economics don't work. If my Eastside FM was three miles down from where it is now...it could be officially be called the Capitola FM. We spent sixteen years building that site and it was touch and go for about ten. The market at Cabrillo is world class and has always been considered Capitola's market.

My suggestion is to promote the two markets that already exist and have a great following. I'm sure Catherine Barr, ED for MBCFA would agree with my position. Make sure you reach out to her. Feel free to call me if you would like to discuss more.

Best Regards-
Nesh Dhillon

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Nesh Dhillon
Executive Director
Santa Cruz Community Farmers' Markets
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On 6/22/16 8:04 PM, Kailash Mozumder wrote:

Hello,

My name is Kailash Mozumder, I volunteer for the City of Capitola on their commission on the environment (<http://www.cityofcapitola.org/cote/page/commission-environment>). Our commission is interested in re-visiting the idea of having a farmers market here in our city. From what I have gathered, previous efforts to have a farmers market in Capitola did not stick due to a variety of reasons. During our last commission meeting we discussed using the new parking lot, and the City is supportive of the idea. From this link you can see the location of this parking lot labeled "Beach and Village Parking Lot"

(http://www.cityofcapitola.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community/page/2609/capitola_village_public_parking_map.pdf)

Ultimately we would like to help create a successful farmers market, so any other thoughts on location are definitely open for consideration.

I look forward to following up with an in person or phone conversation. Please let me know how best to get in touch with you to discuss the idea of creating a farmers market in Capitola.

Thank you for your time,
Kailash
[831-212-0872](tel:831-212-0872)

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Nesh Dhillon
Executive Director
Santa Cruz Community Farmers' Markets