



AGENDA

CAPITOLA COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, April 21, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola CA

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Bruce Arthur, Amie Forest, Maddie Marlatt, Dennis Norton, Kristin Sullivan, Elisabeth Russell - Chairperson

2. WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The commission will receive written communications and consider brief oral communications about items not on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 24, 2014

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Climate Action Plan – Rich Grunow
- b. Capitola Open Streets Community Day – May 4, 2014
- c. Solar Promotion Letter
- d. Sub-Committees:
 - Rispin Gardens
 - Governmental Structures
 - Stormwater
- e. Water Issues

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

6. ADJOURNMENT – Adjourn to a Workshop on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, California.

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MEETING MINUTES CAPITOLA COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Members present: Bruce Arthur, Amie Forest, Maddie Marlatt, Dennis Norton (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Kristin Sullivan

Members absent: Elisabeth Russell

City Staff Present: Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: Skye Gray
Teal Forest

2. WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Amie Forest suggested water issues become a regular agenda item for on-going discussion.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 22, 2014.

Bruce Arthur: Page 2, Item 5e, paragraph 6: "Bruce Arthur suggested the content of the brochure be updated and expanded to educate the public ~~beyond information focused on Soquel Creek, and that~~ distribution of the brochure should be citywide.

Kristin Sullivan made a motion to approve the January 22, 2014 meeting minutes with changes. Bruce Arthur seconded. Motion passed 3-0

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4a. Adopt Meeting Schedule for 2014

The commission unanimously approved the 2014 meeting schedule.

4b. General Plan draft EIR comments

The commission acknowledged receipt of Elisabeth Russell's comments. Dennis Norton stated the City Council had extended the comment period. Kristin Sullivan was unable to review the EIR, but will proceed with commenting before the end of the extension.

Bruce Arthur suggested the commission prepare comments on the General Plan to be presented before both the Planning Commission and the City Council.

4c. Capitola Open Streets Community Day

Maddie Marlatt suggested distributing the Soquel Creek brochure. Amie Forest suggested a trash clean up or contest. The commission requested staff seek information on the type of activities being organized for the event.

4d. Discussion of Commission goals and programs

The commission supported the memo presented by Kristin Sullivan with four specific project categories: Climate Action Plan, Education, Governmental Structures, and Outreach.

Three sub-committees were formed:

Rispin Gardens: Bruce Arthur, Maddie Marlatt, Amie Forest

- Improve the upper terrace area of the Rispin property with a demonstration native plant garden incorporating a rain catchment system.
- Seek funding from the Arts Commission for signage; and the water districts for rain barrels and supplies.

Bruce Arthur will contact Steve Jesberg to inquire on the feasibility of this project. Maddie Marlatt will contact Mike Arnone for landscape architectural input.

Governmental Structures: Elisabeth Russell, Kristin Sullivan

- Work with staff as the Climate Action Plan is developed.

Stormwater: Bruce Arthur, Dennis Norton

- Work with staff to educate the public on the stormwater requirements

4e. Presentation by Skye Gray

Mr. Gray discussed student volunteers looking for involvement in community projects. He is working with George McMenemy on the riparian restoration along Soquel Creek.

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT WORKSHOP AGENDA

- a. Sub-Committees:
Rispin Gardens
Governmental Structures
Stormwater

6. ADJOURNMENT: The commission adjourned to a workshop meeting to be held on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Approved at the meeting of April 21, 2014

Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

**CITY OF CAPITOLA
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Agenda Report**

Meeting Date: April 21, 2014

Agenda Item: 4.a

Subject: Climate Action Plan Status

The City of Capitola is in the process of developing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) to meet State greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals pursuant to Assembly Bill 32 and Senate Bill 375. The CAP will establish goals, principles, and strategies to reduce the City's GHG emissions, conserve energy and natural resources, and to prepare the community for the expected effects of global warming. The CAP will include a list of emission reduction measures organized by sector (transportation, land use, energy, and waste) and timeframes for implementation.

Implementation of the CAP will advance sustainability policies in the draft General Plan Update and will promote community values, including protecting our water and air resources; reducing the waste stream to landfills; improving energy efficiency; encouraging alternative transportation options and reducing automobile dependency; and creating a healthy and livable community. Development of a CAP requires the City to establish an inventory of existing and projected GHG emissions and to develop strategies to achieve a 15% GHG emission reduction by 2020.

The City has an existing contract with Placeworks (formerly DC&E/The Planning Center) to complete the CAP. In addition, the AMBAG Energy Watch Program has provided a draft Energy Action Strategy and a draft 2010 Baseline Community-wide GHG Emissions Inventory to assist the City with preparation of the CAP.

The CAP was initially planned to be completed in conjunction with the General Plan Update. Due to resource limitations, the CAP schedule was subsequently delayed to allow staff to focus its efforts on completing the General Plan. The General Plan Update will be considered for adoption by the City Council on May 8. Following adoption, staff intends to turn its focus toward completion of the CAP and updating the City's zoning ordinance.

At this time staff would like to finalize the COE's planned input and review for the CAP. Staff will return to the COE this summer to offer a more detailed presentation of the CAP and to seek their input and recommendations on potential GHG emission reduction measures and other CAP related issues.