



MINUTES
COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015
6:00 PM
COMMUNITY ROOM
420 CAPITOLA AVENUE, CAPITOLA, CA 95010

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jacques Bertrand, Amie Forest (6:12 p.m.), Peter Wilk, and Chair Kristin Sullivan

City Staff Present: Rich Grunow, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: Kailash Mozumder

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kailash Mozumder is considering applying to fill the COE vacancy. The COE discussed the need to fill the vacancy. Kristin Sullivan offered to contact Councilmember Harlan regarding making an appointment to the COE. Jacques Bertrand made a motion to write a letter to the City Council emphasizing the need to appoint a member to the COE. Peter Wilk seconded the motion. The COE agreed to wait for the outcome of the meeting with Councilmember Harlan before approaching the City Council.

Rich Grunow stated that Community Development staff will be taking a new ordinance to the City Council on May 14th that expedites the building permit process for solar projects.

Peter Wilk commented that Palo Alto recently mandated solar installations for all residential units.

Jacques Bertrand suggested the COE invite Daniel Kostelec to the next meeting to discuss bike issues in the city. He also commented that Park Avenue could be designated a bike boulevard to achieve the desired speed limit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kristin Sullivan made a motion to approve the March 25, 2015 meeting minutes. Peter Wilk seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 (Amie Forest absent)

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Climate Action Plan

The COE unanimously supported mandatory energy and water audits, and point of sale energy and water efficiency upgrades. Jacques Bertrand emphasized the city has joined the HERO Program, which can be used to achieve the upgrades.

Peter Wilk clarified that point of sale audit and upgrades could be implemented similar to termite reporting and repairs during a home sale.

Rich Grunow stated Berkeley initially had a point of sale upgrade requirement, but has since scaled the program back to requiring an audit, but not upgrades at the time of sale.

The COE discussed the Draft Climate Action Plan requesting consideration to add details to the implementation of each action item; refine targets and timelines for implementation of each action item; incorporate a plan of action to implement the reduction measures; review and incorporate implementation details from other cities, such as Berkeley, Santa Monica and Palo Alto; incorporate polices and ordinances to ensure implementation of each action item.

Kristin Sullivan requested the Green Economy Study be incorporated into the CAP.

Rich Grunow stated many of the recommendations in the Green Economy Study are incorporated into the CAP.

Jacques Bertrand suggested the COE select implementation measures from the Draft CAP that are acceptable to the city that the COE can focus on to affect change in the next five years.

A motion was made by Kristin Sullivan and seconded by Peter Wilk that the COE unanimously support the Draft CAP to be released for public comment with the following comments:

1. Add details to the implementation of each action item
2. Refine targets and timelines for the implementation of each action item
3. Incorporate a plan of action to implement the reduction measures
4. Review and incorporate implementation details from other cities, such as Berkeley, Santa Monica and Palo Alto
5. Incorporate policies and ordinances to ensure implementation of each action item

b. Green Economy Study

Danielle Uharriet stated the Green Economy Study is referred to in the General Plan. It was not formally adopted by the City Council and is a reference document. The COE should use the Draft CAP to formulate a work plan and refer to the Green Economy Study.

Jacques Bertrand and Kristin Sullivan suggested the study be updated and adopted by the City Council.

Kristin Sullivan suggested that each Commissioner select 2-3 categories from the Draft CAP and Green Economy Study and 3-5 action items to discuss at the next Workshop.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Transportation Discussion including the Rail Trail and invite Daniel Kostelec to make a presentation on bike issues in the city.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned to a Workshop Meeting on May 27, 2015.


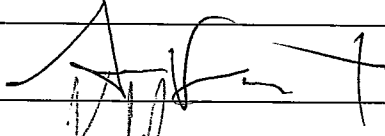
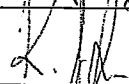
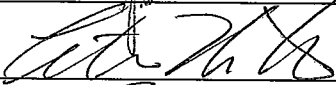
Approved at the meeting of June 24, 2015



Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

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Sign in Sheet

Meeting Date: 4.22.15

Name	Signature
Jacques Bertrand	
Amie Forest	
Kristin Sullivan	
Peter Wilk	
Kailash Mozander	