



MEETING MINUTES CAPITOLA COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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

Chairperson Elisabeth Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Members present: Bruce Arthur, Amie Forest, Dennis Norton, Kristin Sullivan, and Elisabeth Russell - Chairperson

Members absent: Maddie Marlatt

City Staff Present: Rich Grunow, Danielle Uharriet

Community Members Present: None

2. WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 24, 2014

Dennis Norton made a motion to approve the February 24, 2014 meeting minutes. Amie Forest seconded. Motion passed 4-0, Elisabeth Russell abstained.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

4.a Climate Action Plan

Community Development Director Rich Grunow presented the status of the Climate Action Plan. Staff will return to the COE this summer to offer a more detailed presentation of the CAP and to seek the COE input and recommendation on potential GHG emission reduction measures and other CAP related issues.

The Commission was supportive of staff's efforts and will be looking forward to assisting in the process.

4.b Capitola Open Streets Community Day – May 4, 2014

Danielle Uharriet stated that staff will be at a city table and providing a brochure on stormwater, pet waste, Soquel Creek. She requested other information the COE wanted to provide should be submitted to staff or review and publication by the end of the week. Amie Forest suggested handing out a bookmark from the COE. Kristin Sullivan suggested an informational brochure from the COE; Elisabeth Russell suggested a solar promotion brochure.

4.c Solar Promotion Letter

Elisabeth Russell presented a draft letter to solar provider's announcing the city's Green Energy Incentive Program; and a list of providers. Elisabeth will provide an email distribution list for staff. The Commission suggested an article about the Program be included in the next city newsletter.

Bruce Arthur made a motion to request staff to send the letter to the solar providers. Kristin Sullivan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

4.d Sub-Committees:

- Rispin Gardens

Bruce Arthur stated he had met with Steve Jesberg and possible garden project would need to be tied to the overall landscape plan for the Rispin property. There was continued discussion about the possibility of incorporating a water storage tank in the old water tower structure.

The Commission requested Mike Arnone attend the next workshop to discuss future landscape plans on city properties.

- **Governmental Structures**

Discussion regarding the new Title 24 regulations and requirements for all development to incorporate future energy conservation facilities, i.e. planned solar installation.
The Commission requested a copy of Title 24.

- **Stormwater**

There was a brief discussion about the new Phase II stormwater permit and implementation; and irrigation requirements. Building, Planning and Public Works staff are now implementing the PCRs specified by the State. Bruce Arthur offered to talk to Soquel Creek Water District regarding their landscape irrigation requirements.

4.e Water Issues

Amie Forest encouraged the Commission to continue to pursue a demonstration garden site to promote water conservation. The Commission requested staff to research the possibility of the City partnering with Soquel Creek Water District and Santa Cruz Municipal Utilities to promote water conservation and offer rain barrels to the citizens of Capitola at a reduced rate or for free.
The Commission requested a status report of the various plans to remove turf in city facilities.

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT WORKSHOP AGENDA

- a. Sub-Committees:
 - Citywide Landscape Plans
 - Governmental Structures
 - Stormwater
 - Water district conservation partnership

6. ADJOURNMENT – The commission adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to a Workshop on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, California.

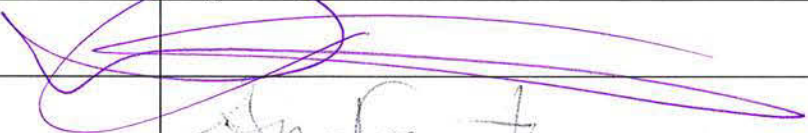
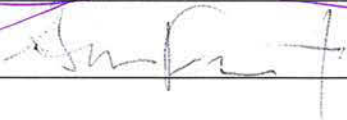


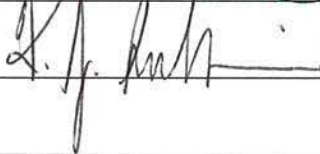
Approved at the meeting of June 16, 2014



Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Sign in Sheet

Meeting Date: 4/21/14

Name	Signature
Bruce Arthur	
Amie Forest	
Maddie Marlatt	
Dennis Norton	
Elisabeth Russell	
Kristin Sullivan	
<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Affiliation/Interest</u>

