



MEETING MINUTES CAPITOLA COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, February 24, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola CA

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.



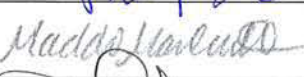


Approved at the meeting of April 21, 2014



Danielle Uharriet
Environmental Projects Manager

**COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT
Sign in Sheet**


Meeting Date: 2/24/2014

Name	Signature
Bruce Arthur	
Amie Forest	
Maddie Marlatt	
Dennis Norton	
Elisabeth Russell	
Kristin Sullivan	

Visitors

Affiliation/Interest

Skye Gray
Teal Forest


Teal Forest

