



City of Woodland

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 9, 2019

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mark Aulman, Christine Casey, Liza Grandia, Catalina Munoz, Sara Schremmer, Raul Tadle,

Absent: Marcia Cary, Robert Ullrey

Staff Present: Ken Loman, Jianelli Morones, Reyna Piñon

3. Public comment

None.

4. Member reports

Vice Chairperson Aulman: The Woodland Tree Foundation is having a Neighborhood Shade Tree Planting event on Saturday, October 19 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Campbell Park. Valley Clean Energy (VCE) is preparing a testimonial ad campaign to help familiarize the community with VCE. VCE is looking for volunteers to participate in the campaign where people will have their photo taken and talk about what clean energy means to them.

Schremmer: The City is hosting a two-part series of free landscape design workshops.

Grandia: Liza stated that she has been thinking a lot lately about Greta Thunberg, the Global Climate Strike, and the turnout for the climate strike in Davis and how it relates to growing a grassroots climate movement in Woodland. The Woodland Coalition for Green Schools is working on organizing for the holiday parade and launching the Green Sheep Pledge, which helps people become the “green sheep” of their family and community by sharing information on household toxics with others. The Coalition’s sustainable flooring committee is looking at policies which phase out carpet and require sustainable flooring choices and she has reached out to city staff to ask that they take the lead in replacing carpet with sustainable flooring in city facilities.

Chairperson Casey: The Bee City USA Woodland Committee is slowly moving forward with a project to convert the lawn in front of City Hall into a pollinator garden and is exploring options for grant funding. The lawn in front of the Community and Senior Center is another good example of a lawn that could be converted to a drought-tolerant, pollinator friendly landscape.

5. Staff reports

Ken Loman, Environmental Sustainability Manager, stated that staff has been working with landscape architects and professors at UC Davis on a project that will convert part of the

lawn at Crawford Park to a rain garden. This project will be funded by a grant through the Local Government Commission. Woodland Joint Unified School District has started organics recycling at several schools since the beginning of the school year. By the end of October, all eight elementary schools will have organics recycling. Valley Clean Energy is approving membership of the City of Winters, which will take effect in January 2021.

6. CivicSpark Fellow reports

Jianelli Morones, CivicSpark Fellow, stated that she is in the beginning stages of preparing an outreach plan for the Committee and is doing preparation research to support her work.

7. Approve minutes for September 11, 2019

On a motion by Vice Chairperson Aulman, seconded by Sara Schremmer, and carried unanimously on a 6-0-2 vote, committee members approved the minutes for the September 11, 2019 meeting.

Ayes: Aulman, Casey, Grandia, Munoz, Schremmer, and Tadle

Noes: None

Absent: Cary and Ullrey

8. Discuss work plan

Staff provided a draft work plan in the format that was preferred by the Committee based on their discussion at the September 11 meeting. The Committee discussed how they would like to proceed regarding the process for developing objectives, goals, and tasks in the work plan and agreed that they would start with the overall objective for each item followed by development of the goals and tasks.

Liza Grandia asked for clarification on the difference between items three and four and the difference between items one and two in the draft work plan. Chairperson Casey clarified that item three involves gathering input from the community while item four involves implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) throughout the community. Chairperson Casey also clarified that item one involves broad scale policy advice to City Council and item two involves providing advice and assistance to staff for program design and implementation.

Raul Tadle stated that his impression from the City Council study session was that there seems to be a push for work on resilience and adaptation efforts, so it would be beneficial to consider resiliency and adaptation along with CAP implementation.

Committee members brought up ideas that could be integrated into the work plan including consideration of policies requiring and/or incentivizing new construction to be all-electric, researching the work of sustainability committees in other jurisdictions, following policy and legislation at the state level and reporting back to staff, City Council, and the community, and consideration of how and when to participate in public meetings and hearings for development projects regarding the sustainable development and building practices.

Chairperson Casey asked the Committee to brainstorm ideas for objectives, goals, and tasks for the first work plan item in preparation for the November 13 meeting.

9. Discuss long-range calendar

The Committee agreed that they would use the next four meetings to develop each of the four work plan items and a vision statement. They also agreed that they will reevaluate that process and if necessary, they will divide into sub-committees to develop items of the work plan separately. Staff mentioned two items that will be added to the long-range calendar: Creative Outdoor Advertising, which places advertisements on recycling containers and structures around communities; and a presentation from the City's Urban Forestry Group about the Urban Forest Master Plan and plans for an update to the City's tree ordinance.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.