



**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - January 19, 2021**

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll call

Present: Mark Aulman, Rolf Frankenbach, Liza Grandia, Allison Martin, Catalina Munoz, Sara Schremmer, Adelita Serena, Raul Tadler, Robert Ullrey

Absent: None

Staff Present: Rosie Ledesma, Sayetsi Sanchez,

Guests Present: Rebecca Boyles (VCE), Sierra Huffman (VCE), Ken Trott, Robin Dattel, David Wilkinson

3. Authorize Remote Public Meetings as Authorized by AB 361 (Action Item)

On a motion by Alison Martin, seconded by Sara Schremmer. Passes unanimously.

4. Public comment

Robin Dattel thanked the committee for their discussion and vote in the November meeting to recommend the Climate Safe California Campaign to council. This item will be placed in the Council agenda in the near future and interested Woodland community members are encouraged to attend to offer their support for the campaign when the opportunity comes.

Contact information: Robin Dattel, Facilitator, Climate Crisis Action Team, Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis - rddd@dcn.org and 530-219-1315

5. Member reports (Information Item)

Aulman: Mark reported that he has been involved in a discussion with County Supervisors regarding the Teichert Shifler Project and along with Adelita, member of the Yolo County Climate Action Commission. The Valley Clean Energy (VCE) presentation for tonight informs further cooperation with Yolo County and VCE. Mark hopes to have a similar working partnerships that can be arranged between VCE and Woodland. The County Commission will be discussing the alignment of climate action plans between the county and its constitutes surrounding cities as we move forward in 2022. Mark will present further updates on that topic as they come.

Schremmer: Thanked the Woodland Tree Foundation and David Wilkinson for the work they did to put together the Volunteer Day of Service event at Regional Park for Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Serena: Was involved in the Teichert Shifler Project opposition, and will discuss more during the agenda item.

Frankenbach: Will be reaching out to West Coast Arborist this week on purchasing a portion of the Casa Linda Oak tree for public display. Location is currently undetermined however, the Community Senior Center is currently being considered. The size of the section of the trunk and its rings shows the age of the tree as it goes back to the 1700's. There are plans to label key rings to show key history events. Funds for this purchase came from interested people who are aware of the project. Further update will be available in a few months when it may be finished and the location has been decided.

Munoz: Spoke with Ken Hiatt about an opportunity for the committee to have a session with city council. This will be an opportunity to exchange thoughts, goals, the committee's work plan and what the committee hopes to accomplish. This will be an in-person session at the Senior and Community Center on February 12. Time has not been set yet.

Serena: There it is a state funded facility in Woodland by the Nevada/California JATC and they will be training workers around the state on tree trimming to mitigate fires. They are currently looking for a big tree to climb, not cut, around Woodland. They are in contact with Westley Schroeder, the Parks Superintendent to find a tree that they can use.

Tadle: Reached out to CalPIRG for assistance on finding more information about moving city owned fleet to a hybrid or electric version. Received a tool kit on what other city projects are currently working on.

<https://environmentcalifornia.org/sites/environment/files/reports/CAE%20EV%20Toolkit%20Oct21-web.pdf>

Regarding the council session on February 12, Raul brought up a question about their work plan as it does include some concerns. When speaking to council, they should consider highlighting those concerns to them.

6. Staff reports (Information Item)

Rosie reported that this year, Environmental Services will be focusing on the rollout on SB 1383. The ordinance takes effect on January 20, 2022, and we are working with Waste Management to devise an implementation plan. Letters will be sent out soon to residential, multi-family, and business that don't already have services. As well as the roll out that will occur in February.

The City will be applying for a grant from CalRecycle for SB 1383 to help implementation. It's a noncompetitive grant and it is currently unclear if this will be a continued funding source.

Waste Management is working on doing a re-route for green waste services, street pile, street sweeping. Some areas are very heavy and dense, downtown especially, during leaf drop season which has increased the loads and issues that have led to being behind in some areas.

Ken Loman is no longer with the City. Please send any concerns and correspondence to Rosie Ledesma.

Environmental Services will be hiring a Conservation Coordinator and currently accepting applications for the position. Liza had a question on how many staff Environmental Services has had in the past. Environmental Services has had four full time employees and one intern in previous years. Currently there is two full time employees and two interns. With the new hire this would mean three full time staff and two interns for Environmental Services.

7. Valley Clean Energy Building Electrification – Rebecca Boyles (Presentation)

Presentation by Rebecca Boyles, and Sierra Huffman. The presentation included an overview of Valley Clean Energy, community investments they have been a part of for the last three years, programs they are hoping to launch, strategic plans, goals of decarbonization, and new building of electrification.

Committee members asked questions regarding the auto enrollment, opting out process, and outreach that VCE has done.

8. Electrification of Landscape Equipment (Discussion Item)

Two community members, David Wilkinson and Ken Trott spoke on their support for this bill as they are concerned with the large amount of noise created from leaf blowers and lawn mowers as well as the air pollution being created from these devices.

The committee discussed their support to see a bill that will phase out gas powered mowers and leaf blowers by 2024. There are some concern regarding the transition for smaller landscaper companies and the affordability to do so. Liza suggested that the committee should reach out and talk to landscape workers about the concerns that they may have such as the longevity of the battery. Mark mentioned that the city parks have a contact with a landscaping company that they could invite to start that dialogue.

Sara shared a link from CalMatters:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2022/01/california-budget-newsom/>

9. Approve Minutes for November 17, 2021 (Action Item)

On a motion by Robert Ullrey, seconded by Mark Aulman, and carried on an 9-0 vote, committee members approved to add the November meeting minutes' revision to the agenda.

Ayes: Serena, Martin, Aulman, Frankenbach, Grandia, Munoz, Schremmer, Ullrey and Tadle

Noes: None

Absent: None

Liza has a correction for the meeting notes in the Staff Report Item. Liza requested for the line "The WJUSD Committee is looking for a volunteer to take on that responsibility" to be change to "The WJUSD committee is looking for volunteers to join these efforts."

On a motion by Rolf, seconded by Robert, and carried on an 9-0 vote, committee members approved the minutes for the December 13, 2020 meeting with Liza's correction.

Ayes: Serena, Martin, Aulman, Frankenbach, Grandia, Munoz, Schremmer, Ullrey and Tadle

Noes: None

Absent: None

10. Teichert Shifler Mining and Reclamation Project (Discussion Item)

This project involves the extraction of sand and gravel resources along Lower Cache Creek in Yolo County, three miles west of City of Woodland. Adelita spoke on 30-year project and her opposition for it as the ecosystem will be disturbed. Catalina suggested to have Yolo County come present to the committee on the project and show its environmental impacts.

11. Work Group Updates (Information Item)

Rolf: Met with Daniel Hewitt from GIS along with Mark and they are currently making progress. They have a drafted survey on where to do tree planting projects by 2035. They have maps with subdivisions and lot size around Woodland that they can use to take samples. With this they can use the sample to see a certain lot size of 27% of trees in the area. They expect to introduce it to committee in about a month.

12. Discuss long-range calendar (Information/Action Item)

Committee discussed concerns on the Teicher Shifler project. This item will be looked into at a further date and a request will be made to invite Yolo County to present on the project.

13. Adjourn

On a motion by Liza Grandia, seconded by Raul Tadle the meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.