



SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - April 27, 2022

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll call

Present: Mark Aulman, Liza Grandia, Allison Martin, Catalina Munoz, Sara Schremmer, Robert Ullrey, Raul Tadle

Absent: Rolf Frankenbach, Adelita Serena

Staff Present: Rosie Ledesma, Sayetsi Sanchez, Emily Jackson

Guests Present: Robin Datel

3. Public comment

There was no public comment.

4. Member reports (Information Item)

Martin: Shared with the committee that during her work with the City of Roseville, she learned that they manage all their utilities and have the opportunity to harness natural gas from their waste water digesters to power their trash fleet. She found it to be an interesting example of sustainability movement. Allison also shared that the Yolo County Landfill have announced that they are now accepting textiles for reuse and recycling.

Aulman: Continues making progress on the heat island survey with Rolf. Mark discussed how the Woodland Tree Foundation had a grant a few years ago to collect tree planting and greenhouse gas data. They will review that information and will continue their ground survey around Woodland. Mark also mentioned that there will be a section of the tree from Casa Linda Dr. being used to create a display with labeled tree rings. Each labeled ring will have information that is relevant to a climate event in Yolo County. The tree ring will be displayed at the Woodland Community & Senior Center.

Grandia: Commented on virtual meetings being discontinued and the committee returning to in-person meetings. Liza made a request to change the meetings to fragrance-free if the meetings will continue to be in person. Rosie commented that she has spoken to janitorial staff regarding using hazardous cleaning materials and the contract is currently being reviewed. There will also be a meeting scheduled to look further into this issue. Liza has requested to be part of that meeting and offered to pass a list of potential products that are being considered to the UC Toxicology program for review.

The committee inquired on the possibility of a hybrid meeting. Hybrid meetings are only available at City Hall in the Council Chambers and IT staff time would be required to assist with technology. Committee discussed the benefits of virtual/hybrid meeting and the possibility of moving the meeting to 4pm-6pm should also be considered as well. At this time, hybrid meetings are not an option, however Rosie will speak to the City Attorney regarding virtual meetings.

Committee requested information regarding meeting with Council and creating a recurring schedule to meet. Rosie will follow-up on this matter. Catalina suggested to meet after the Town Hall event so they can have feedback to provide to Council. This item will be further discussed in the next meeting.

5. Staff reports (Information Item)

Emily Jackson, the new Conservation Coordinator introduced herself to the committee. She was previously the intern for solid waste and recycling. She will be handling C&D ordinance, assisting Rosie with SB 1383 and social media such as the waste wizard tool.

Sayetsi provided information regarding the current drought. Governor issued an Executive Order in March 2022 requiring urban water suppliers to implement at least Stage 2, water warning – 20% reduction in water use:

- Reduce water use by 20% from normal demand
- Prohibit hosing of hardscape surfaces except for health/safety purposes
- Water hoses shall be equipped with control nozzle that can shut off flow
- Restrict outdoor watering to 3 days per week
- Restaurants shall serve water only upon request

City staff will be going to Council on May 10 to implement Stage 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Rosie provided an update regarding the Electrify Yolo Project. The grant provided \$150,000 for infrastructure EV charging stations in Woodland. Behind Hotel Woodland, 4-6 charging stations will be placed. The grant only requires 2 charging stations, however because we are doing it in-house we can provide more units.

Rosie also spoke on CalRecycle and the grant that was awarded to Woodland. This grant will help mitigate issues and create a barrier between the regional park and the landfill.

CalRecycle also awarded Woodland another \$87,000 grant for SB 1383 implementation.

Liza suggested to reach out to AmeriCorps as they have a program where they are placing paid interns to help with educational programs. Applications are still being accepted. Recommended the City to coordinate with Sacramento Climate Fellow Corp.

6. Approve March 16, 2022 meeting minutes (Action Item – 2 minutes)

On a motion by Sara Schremmer, seconded by Robert Ulrey and carried on a 6-0 vote, with one abstain and two absences, committee members approved March's meeting minutes.

Ayes: Aulman, Martin, Munoz, Schremmer, Tadle and Ullrey

Noes: None

Abstain: Grandia

Absent: Frankenbach and Serena

7. Climate-Safe CA Campaign Update (Information Item/Action Item)

Sara updated the committee that the policy group has reviewed each line item of the Climate-Safe CA Campaign. They compared it to our Climate Action Plan and reviewed how each item falls under our goals. They also found that the campaign does not commit the City to any concrete action items. The campaign is meant to be inspirational, and as a call to the State. No concerns were found by the work group. The committee agrees to move forward and create a presentation to potentially go to Council on May 17.

Community member, Robin Dattel from the Unitarian Church of Davis, added that the campaign has presentation slides already created and examples of resolutions if needed. Robin requested to be notified when this will be going council as she has interested parties that would like to stay informed.

8. VCE UltraGreen Option for City (Information/Action Item)

The committee discussed the possibility of having city facility accounts placed on the VCE UltraGreen option. After further discussion, the committee agreed that further analysis should be done, estimates for potential savings should be reviewed and a comparison of other opportunities should be done.

On a motion by Sara Schremmer, seconded by Liza Grandia and carried on a 7-0 vote, with two absences, committee members approved to create an Ad Hoc group to conduct an analysis into the VCE UltraGreen option for the City.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Frankenbach and Serena

Allison mentioned that she saw a post on Next Door from last year, where people would opt out from the service because of bill increases. Further education is needed in order to change public perception.

Allison and Raul have agreed to be part of that Ad Hoc groups that will review the ultra-green option and report back to the committee

9. Honey Festival (Information Item)

Rosie presented the tabling schedule for the Honey Festival. Committee members that have agreed to help table can promote the town hall event, assist Environmental Services to get sign-ups for the newsletter and assist answering questions, when possible.

10. Town Hall Update (Information Item)

Allison shared a flyer draft with the committee. Sara will be moderator for the event. A registration page has been created on Eventbrite which mentions the event being fragrance-free. The event is scheduled to be on Saturday, July 9 at the Leake Center in the Woodland Public Library. An English version will be from 1pm-3pm and a Spanish version will be from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Snacks will be provided as well as a potential giveaway prize.

11. Work Group Updates (Information Item)

Raul met with Reece and are meeting quarterly to draft a plan to convert City fleets to electric over time. Raul will also assist in finding and applying for grants to assist with this change.

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

Rosie provided an update from the Parks Department regarding the tree ordinance. The ordinance will go to council in the fall and the committee will receive a presentation in mid-summer. The Parks Department is currently working with the tree foundation for tree removal requests.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding has not been divided or allocated yet. Mark provided suggestions to help build a plan that the funds could be used on.

The committee shared that they are still interested in having a tour at the carpet recycling facility and the regional park.

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.