

Sustainability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Catalina Munoz, Robert Ullrey, Mark Aulman, Raul Tadler, Rolf Frankenbach

Absent: Sara Schremmer, Liza Grandia (listening in remotely via phone), Adelita Serena

Staff present: Rosie Ledesma, Spencer Bowen, Ken Hiatt

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gil Walker of the Retired Teachers Association (RTA) informs members of upcoming sustainability discussion with Mayor Pro Tempore Fernandez at RTA's October 26, 2022 meeting and expresses support for programs that help re-pipe washing machines so that grey water flows into residents' yards. Rosie shares that staff has investigated at least providing information on this type of program to Woodlanders.

D. MEMBER REPORTS (Informational Item)

Rolf: notes that the Casa Linda Oak "cookie" is now on display in the lobby of the Community Center and that the Woodland Tree Foundation has hired two interns through the Sacramento Valley College Corps (SVCC) to help identify lower-income residents that might be good candidates for planting shade trees through a Cal Fire grant.

Mark: thanks Liza for the connection to SVCC and notes that Rolf has been busy, including with adding mulch at the legacy grove and at the East Beamer Neighborhood Campus. Also notes that the modified City tree ordinance will come to City Council on Tuesday, November 1.

Raul: emphasizes that responding to economic downturns and promoting sustainability can go hand-in-hand and hopes the City keeps that in mind in the coming months.

Liza (via phone): WJUSD will reinstitute the school district stewardship committee; Liza will forward information along to other committee members in the coming weeks.

E. STAFF REPORTS (Informational Item)

Ken:

- Outlines recent changes, particularly City Manager's Office of Equity, Environment, Economy, and Engagement ("E4 Office") and the move of Environmental Services into the City Manager's Office (previously in the Community Development Department)

- Among other positives, the E4 Office will elevate the profile of sustainability efforts and reenergize work on the City's Climate Action Plan
- Notes City Council's commitment to hosting the long-awaited joint working session with the Sustainability Advisory Committee, likely in early 2023
- Bike Pedestrian Overcrossing project remains on schedule, construction will likely conclude before the end of the calendar year
- Woodland Regional Park Preserve was recently authorized for a conservation easement on the property, thereby preserving the site for the public good in perpetuity

Spencer

- Introduces himself and shares how excited he is to work with the Committee and to head up the new E4 Office

Rosie

- City's updated zoning ordinance is in the staff review phase; specific sections will be shared with the SAC for feedback in January 2023
- City just submitted a grant proposal to CalRecycle for expanded sustainability programs in Woodland's public schools
- City now offers an email listserv for the SAC, much like City Council, Planning Commission, etc.
- Waste Management annual rate adjustment period coming up; Committee expresses support for City Staff requesting additional information about what justifies the "extraordinary rate" increase requests
- SB 1383 compliance going fairly well in Woodland among residents and businesses

F. MINUTES

Approve July 20, 2022 meeting minutes

- Moved by Robert, seconded by Raul
- Passed unanimously; no noes, no abstentions

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

Chair & Vice Chair Selection (Action Item)

- Robert nominated as new Chair
 - Moved by Catalina, seconded by Raul
- Raul nominated as new Vice Chair
 - Moved by Catalina, seconded by Robert
- Passed unanimously for both; no noes, no abstentions

Year 3 Committee Report Review (Information/Action Item)

- Committee votes to accept Catalina's Year 3 report (with minor typo revisions) and forward the report on to City Council

- Moved by Mark, Seconded by Catalina
- Passed unanimously; no noes, no abstentions

4. Committee Member Vacancy (Information Item)

- Committee notes that the list of folks who attended the July community meeting would be good candidates to fill the currently-vacant ninth spot
- Consensus to proceed with a regular formal recruitment led by the City Clerk to fill the open ninth seat; staff will provide members with info to help promote when it's ready

5. Work Plan Review (Information Item)

- Important to review, revise, and keep the SAC Work Plan up to date. Up to the Committee to determine how frequently this plan is updated
- Committee commits to reviewing the existing document before the next meeting, sending any comments to staff, and then revisiting the document and suggested edits at future meetings
- One of the future questions to ask: does the Committee want to set a calendar for regular work plan updates? If so, when?

H. WORK GROUP UPDATES

Work Group List Review

- Current ad-hoc groups:
 - Sustainability, policy, and CAP implementation feedback to City Council
 - Sustainability program design and implementation
 - Public input and assistance on CAP implementation

Only current subcommittee:

- Outreach and engagement

At some point, Committee asks to review ad-hoc v. standing committees guidelines and discuss a general SAC ad-hoc committee policy (how and why set up, what are their expectations, and how do they report / wrap up, etc.) once the work plan is refined

I. LONG RANGE CALENDAR

Discussed American Rescue Plan Act funding item around sustainability

- SAC expected to recommend spending priorities on this line item for Council; staff to prepare a suite of options for SAC to discuss at the next meeting

Mark recalls that Raul and Allison were examining which City accounts might be good candidates for VCE UltraGreen option; staff will follow up with information and talk to Davis and County about their experience shifting to this model

Raul leading an effort to collaborate with staff on ongoing fleet sustainability efforts; Currently, Reece examining which sustainable replacement vehicles fit within budget, but few do. Interest in Reece eventually visiting the committee to present about the fleet process, etc.

Continued interest in the new Yolo County Compost facility: either a presentation, field trip, or both

Ken suggests that calendar items stay laser focused on CAP and work plan so that the committee avoids spreading itself too thin

Work plan review likely a multi-month process

J. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 7:25 PM