

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Rolf Frankenbach, Mark Aulman, Catalina Munoz, Raul Tadle, Sara Schremmer, Robert Ullrey, Adelita Serena

Absent: Liza Grandia (listening in remotely via phone)

Staff present: Spencer Bowen

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

D. MEMBER REPORTS (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

- Rolf: announces that on December 3 at 8:30 AM there will be a tree planting event at Campbell Park as part of a Cal Fire grant; about 30 trees scheduled to be planted. Also notes that they will be distributing woodchips at East Beamer shelter on Saturday, November 19 at 8:30 AM,
- Mark: notes that the first reading of the Tree Ordinance was conducted by council on November 1, 2022 and it was well received; the acceptance of the ordinance is scheduled for December 6. He also explains logistics of the tree planting event: event will start with a tree planting demo and then teams will be guided by an experienced tree foundation member. He recaps the recent meeting of California Retired Teachers' Association; notes that they talked about Woodland's sustainability issues and he explained the SAC work.
- Raul: explains that he spoke with Rebecca from Valley Clean Energy about exploring accounts in City of Woodland, looking at various accounts to switch to standard or ultra-green, and learning more about data and cost for both options.
- Adelita: notes that she signed up on website for notifications for meeting agenda and is wondering who is responsible for that. Spencer responds by requesting her email info and notes that he will investigate the issue.

E. STAFF REPORTS (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Spencer:

- Tree ordinance is expected to move forward on December 6 without issue
- December 6 is also the ceremonial meeting where Mayor and committees will change
- City applied again to UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy program that worked on Woodland's DEI report last spring, application focused on researching greenhouse gas inventory options and recommending a path forward to Woodland. He also answers questions related to

U.C. Berkeley graduate program – clarifies that timeline is limited to program and that we would receive their report in late May.

F. MINUTES

Approve October 19, 2022 minutes.

- Passed unanimously; no noes; Sara abstains

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion of American Rescue Plan Funding Priorities

- Spencer reviews 5 directions – heating facilities, green utility use, vehicles & transit, greenhouse gas emissions, outreach & education
- Important to understand what City is planning to do without this funding so that funding is an addition – Spencer explains that value can be added in any of the directions
- Spencer clarifies that \$400,000 is in the line item, the funding must be used within 2 years, and that the City could create opportunities for small business grants to advance their sustainability
- Committee brainstorms areas for funding – supporting state mandates related to electric vehicles & transit (requires investigation of current state funding plans), increasing safety with bike & car travel, Gibson Rd. project enhancements, bike parking infrastructure, and more
- Technical deadline for funding decisions is June, but would like to discuss thoroughly and finalize projects sooner
- Committee discusses setting up an ad-hoc committee to brainstorm more ideas, tag how ideas align with the CAP, have a working session with City Council in January, and importance of gathering public feedback and making citizens aware
- Spencer recommends bringing a draft for public feedback and proposes that new E4 office could work with Department Heads to solicit feedback and info on needs
- Robert proposes that we set up an ad-hoc committee to look into ARP funding and make recommendations with a draft spending plan ASAP, finalized no later than April
 - Moved by Robert, Seconded by Mark
 - Passed unanimously; no noes; no abstentions
 - Ad-hoc committee members: Sara, Catalina, Adelita, and Robert
- Public commenter recommends that the ad-hoc committee look at July public meeting results for ideas

Revisit SAC Work Plan & Discuss Future Updates

- Spencer requests feedback from all committee members regarding work plan before Wednesday December 14th to prepare for working session with City Council

H. WORK GROUP UPDATES

- Raul provides updates on ongoing vehicle electrification efforts
 - Working with Reece to look at cars that require replacement and trying to find green options
 - A limited amount of electric vehicles support city needs and many are too expensive; in the short term, hybrids may be more workable

- One need is electric vehicle chargers, there is not much infrastructure to support electrification; mechanics in-house are doing construction, but there is some concern that Woodland is not prepared for electrification
- Speaking with other cities about their preparations – Sacramento (more developed plan, paying for EV charger installation themselves with consultant advising on placement), Vacaville (paid a third-party for EV installation, PG&E covers some cost, but City is primarily responsible for infrastructure updates)
- Reece developing plan, Raul presented ideas to Reece to bridge funding gaps like private-public partnerships
- Other cities are willing to share information learned from private consultants, work group is important to keep exchanging information
- Robert notes that we should be aware of what vehicles cannot be electrified like emergency vehicles
- Raul explains that a big hurdle to electrification remains vehicle cost
- MioCar EV Ride Share program might be a good fit for Woodland because it is affordable and community friendly, Woodland could qualify for charging station placement; multiple members agree and note that there is promising data coming out of the program
- Adelita has no updates on outreach working group; currently in recess

I. LONG RANGE CALENDAR

Spencer notes that policy for formally establishing and dissolving ad-hoc groups is needed; Robert says he will draft and bring to December meeting. Comprehensive zoning update is still in city staff review phase; committee will analyze pieces relevant to sustainability when ready. Continued interest in the new Yolo County Compost facility; working to schedule a presentation, field trip, or both. Interest in a MioCar presentation as well.

J. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 7:22 PM