



Sustainability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

- Present: Aulman, Muñoz, Frankenbach, Green, Peterson, Serena, Ullrey, Bellows* (8)
- Absent: Whitaker, Grandia (2)
- Staff: Portier

**arrived at 6:30 PM*

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. MEMBER REPORTS

Aulman: County is proceeding with its Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, Yolo County Climate Action Commission will look at initial reports in fall, pending greenhouse inventory for the county, county's goal is to be carbon negative by 2030.

Frankenbach: Green schoolyard grant got through the first round, working with the Texas tree foundation as there has been a lot of success in Texas with these programs, going to get 2 interns from Sacramento Valley College Corps to develop plans for tree planting and outdoor classroom infrastructure, possibility of \$2M per campus for 5 campuses in Woodland.

Serena: County launched community input survey, open for all county residents, encourages everyone to take it and share, closes on September 22nd.

Ullrey: Legislature is back in session at the Capitol this week, softer year for sustainability bills since there were so many last year, the State of California signed a memorandum of understanding with Australia, still working on a joint meeting with the Planning Commission with Spencer.

E. STAFF REPORTS

Portier: Woodland Research and Technology Park Specific Plan Area goes to the planning commission for approval on 8/17, then moves to the City Council for approval on 9/5 and a second reading on 9/19, staff is working on cost estimates for the committee's ARP funding recommendation to improve infrastructure on Court Street for bike safety.

F. MINUTES

- **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the Sustainability Advisory Committee approve its July 19, 2023 minutes.

Ullrey moves, Muñoz seconds (with minor note from Aulman to correct county consultant's name to "Dudek")

5-0-2 vote, Aulman & Frankenbach abstain, Bellows absent

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

- **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the SAC discuss and advance possible recommendations concerning the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP).

SAC will likely have two recommendations to the City Council about the CAP: one concerning a GHG inventory update, and another about communications and outreach. Ullrey recommends that they focus on the GHG inventory recommendation tonight as the communications/outreach subcommittee has not had the opportunity to meet yet.

Ullrey summarized the conversation from the last meeting and wrote a formal recommendation to the City Council to conduct a GHG inventory update, recommends that committee approve the recommendation.

Green asks if the pandemic will skew the GHG inventory data. Ullrey notes that the pandemic will influence data, but it is important to update inventory to help determine why GHG use is decreasing. He mentions that the City is meeting CAP goals, but does not know what actions are influencing GHG reductions.

Rolf asks if SAC would have an opportunity to interact with the consultant group. Ullrey notes that this possibility is likely, but the extent of interaction will likely be fiscally determined, can discuss with City staff and City Manager to put engagement requests in the RFP.

Aulman notes that methodology and metrics from original CAP are available, so they can be referenced for future updates. Also presents a PowerPoint that highlights CAP sections that call for GHG monitoring every 5 years, notes one of the Goldman student's conclusions to update the GHG inventory, and overall emphasizes the theme: "if you can't measure it, you can't manage it."

Ullrey notes that GHG inventory methods have advanced since initial CAP and are now an easier undertaking.

Bellows notes that Ascent Environmental methodology heavily relies on modeling, so it is difficult to determine what is accurately measured.

Ullrey responds that modeling is not ideal, but modeling is okay if there is consistency across previous inventories ("comparing apples to apples") and accepted county and state models.

Ullrey recommends passing a motion to recommend that City Council order a GHG inventory update, asks committee if there is anything to add or amend to the following:

“The Sustainability Advisory Committee recommends that, in keeping with the City of Woodland’s 2035 Climate Action Plan, input received from the public, and the report of the University of California at Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, the City Council should order the performance of a greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory update by a qualified technical authority and direct City staff to track future progress toward CAP goals on a regular basis.”

Green asks if this motion ties into the CAP dashboard, Ullrey notes that an updated GHG inventory could support the dashboard as it would provide data.

Muñoz proposes a motion that the SAC recommends the following to City Council:

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Peterson seconds.

Ullrey opens discussion about the motion, committee agrees to keep the language as is.

Aulman mentions that it is difficult to find the City’s sustainability efforts online, Serena agrees and mentions that a good example is the County’s recently updated their sustainability page.

Ullrey responds that this topic could be addressed in another recommendation to City Council about communications and outreach.

Motion passes unanimously with 8-0-0 vote.

H. WORK GROUP UPDATES

Bellows gives presentation on simple, cost-effective ways to reduce your GHG emissions and energy costs, explains calculations that can be used to determine cost savings and energy savings from energy-efficient home upgrades (tree shade, attic fans, lighting, etc.). These calculations can be used to educate people on cost-effective GHG mediation.

Green notes that some of the available rebates are not accessible to some of the Woodland community due to high costs, so the City should promote more affordable sustainable upgrades.

I. LONG RANGE CALENDAR

- **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the SAC receive the Long Range Calendar for informational purposes only.

Committee discusses adding possible presentations about MioCar, sustainability communications/outreach from the working group, Woodland Research & Technology Park sustainability efforts, solid waste from landfill and/or City staff.

J. ADJOURN

Ullrey motions to adjourn the meeting, Serena seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.