



Sustainability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023 – 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Frankenbach, Aulman, Serena, Muñoz, Peterson, Ullrey, Grandia (arrived at 6:30 PM)

Absent: Whitaker, Green

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for the public to comment on items not on the agenda. Comments may be presented in person or emailed to SACmeetings@cityofwoodland.org and limited to three (3) minutes when read aloud.

D. MEMBER REPORTS

This is an opportunity for members of the Committee to report on relevant activities or topics related to the Committee's charge.

Rolf: Plans to meet with Mark, the Woodland Tree Foundation, and a representative from the Master Gardeners, trying to see where they could work together to plant more trees to address heat islands. Robert mentions that the Governor's Office of Policy & Research has a mapping application that displays heat islands.

Mark: Urban Forest Management Plan locates areas where the consultant could make planting plans to mitigate heat, City has given permission to plant trees in municipal parking lots, Woodland Tree Foundation & the City has planted trees that are drought tolerant and heat resistant, planted in Richard Gonzales Park; U.C. Davis Arboretum has developed similar plans, so Mark and Rolf are going to meet with them to align their efforts. Robert asks if there are plans to incorporate native species, Mark will report on that moving forward.

Adelita: County public survey for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan has been extended for additional outreach, requests that City push additional outreach through social media and EnviroWoodland.

Robert: Legislative report – AB817 which would allow teleconferencing for advisory committees did not pass, AB57 extends teleconferencing guidelines during state declared emergency situations, AB1573 would have required all cities and local governments to plant a certain percentage of native plants in public spaces did not pass, morphed into a water

landscaping ordinance, will probably be back next year. Cache Creek Conservancy is doing a creek clean up on Saturday 9/23, Spencer sent the information out.

E. STAFF REPORTS

Spencer: Greenhouse gas inventory bill that would have allowed cities to request regular GHG inventories from the California Air Resources Board did not pass. On Monday 9/18, new point-to-point transit “BeeLine” launched by YoloBus, users can order rides on the app or by calling the YoloBus dispatch line, ADA accessible and will soon have bike racks.

- a. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the Sustainability Advisory Committee receive updates from the City of Woodland, including the Comprehensive Zoning Process and SAC's Court Street Funding Recommendation

Comprehensive Zoning Process Update: As of last night 9/19, Comprehensive Zoning Update is available for public review. For the October meeting, Spencer plans to facilitate a presentation from City Staff to the SAC on key portions of the code that might be of interest, having a workshop, or sending some light homework before that meeting with some short videos that explain key portions of the update to discuss. Update was given to City Council last night 9/19, full presentation to Planning Commission tomorrow night 9/21, and then a series of public workshops. Initial deadline for feedback is 10/27.

Court Street Funding Recommendation Update: Total estimate for green striping bike infrastructure from West to East on Court Street comes to \$227,000. Robert clarifies that there will be about \$150,000 left after this project and confirms that committee is still interested in this effort.

County x City Collaboration: Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant awarded last week that will support ZEV public fleet transition and planning ZEV charger placement throughout the county. Most recent GHG inventory was performed by Ascent Environmental, prepared a tool for county and cities within county to complete ongoing GHG inventory updates. Committee emphasizes that consistency with ongoing GHG updates is important and that Excel sheets can be turned into dashboards for the public.

F. MINUTES

- a. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the Sustainability Advisory Committee approve its August 2023 minutes

Mark: First page, paragraph 1 should say “initial” instead of financial. Green schoolyards grant is moving forward \$10.2 M for 5 campuses.

Robert moves to adopt minutes with corrections, Rolf seconds. passes unanimously, Liza abstains.

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the SAC continue discussions regarding outreach and engagement as led by the ad-hoc Outreach Subcommittee

Discussed generating more visibility for sustainability efforts, hosting another community engagement session (“Green Drinks”) at a local business (Morgan’s Mill or Blue Note) to introduce SAC and the work that they are doing, encouraging folks to engage with the efforts. Planning for Friday November 17 in the evening, City and EnviroWoodland could help promote once details are set and flyer is made. Idea is to bring people together and eventually hold a formal Town Hall with an engaged group for a focused conversation, people can share their sustainability tips and help each other learn and take action, gives a space for people to communicate concerns with SAC members.

H. WORK GROUP UPDATES

I. LONG RANGE CALENDAR

- a. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the Sustainability Advisory Committee receive the Long Range Calendar for informational purposes only.

Robert requests to add BeeLine presentation, Active Transportation Plan update, & CA Native Plant Society presentation (new Yolo & Colusa chapter).

Committee discusses different sustainability programs and how they could apply to the City of Woodland.

J. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.