



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024 – 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Aulman, Grandia, Whitaker, Peterson, Muñoz, Serena

Absent: Ullrey, Bellows, Frankenbach, Green

C. SELECT NEW OFFICERS

Whitaker motions to nominate Catalina Muñoz as Chair and Adelita Serena as Vice Chair; Aulman seconds. Motion passes 6-0-0.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

E. MEMBER REPORTS

Serena: The Yolo Climate Action and Adaptation Plan is out for feedback, request for committee to share and provide feedback. Recapped the Climate Center Policy Conference.

Whitaker: Shares updates on many sustainability-related grant programs including Reconnecting Communities Program, Adaptation Planning Grant Program, Extreme Heat Program, California Energy Commission Electrifying Fleet Program, and others; encourages staff to apply where there is a good fit. Also tracking climate bond conversations, may be on November ballot.

Grandia: Announces that Woodland is officially on the Green Drinks website. Notes importance of Active Transportation Planning and clean green products in municipal facilities. Proposes starting an ad-hoc toxics working group (Grandia, Serena, and Peterson expressed interest) and a visit to the carpet recycling facility.

Aulman: Provides an update on Arbor Day, rescheduled due to weather, approximately 80 trees planted. Notes that he will be absent for April meeting.

Committee discusses concerns about committee's charter and working plan, and brainstorms opportunities to improve committee's operations moving forward. Whitaker suggests an ad-hoc municipal initiatives working group (Whitaker and Aulman expressed interest).

F. STAFF REPORTS

Active Transportation Plan passed 3/19/24, full copy of the final plan can be found in the City Council agenda packet. Staff will bring updates on YoloTD Transit Hub as progress is made.

G. MINUTES

Grandia motions to approve November and February Meeting Minutes; Whitaker seconds. Motion passes 6-0-0.

H. WORK GROUP UPDATES

Community Outreach Group: Liza presents community outreach strategies including community building events, social media, a website, news articles, and public art. She discusses possible Green Drinks dates tying to the equinoxes and solstices: April 26 (Friday after Earth Day), June 20th (Summer Solstice), September 22 (Autumn Equinox), December 21.

I. LONG RANGE CALENDAR

Sustainability Advisory Committee received the Long Range Calendar for informational purposes only.

Topics of interest: Active Transportation Plan update, 2023 SAC year in review, YoloTD downtown transit plan, carpet recycling and other visits.

J. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.