



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: (6) Peterson, Serena, Whitaker, Grandia, Ullrey, Green

Absent: (4)

Robert moves to move item G3 up in the agenda. Whitaker seconds. Passes unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION: Staff recommends that the Sustainability Advisory Committee receive a presentation on the new BeeLine point-to-point public transit service.

Daisy Romero, Acting Director of Transit Operations at Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD): BeeLine is YoloTD's rideshare on-demand service to book point to point trips within Woodland. There are other service zones in Yolo, but focusing on Woodland for the presentation today. You requests rides on the app by selecting stops which are at existing YoloTD transit stops and other areas. Regular fare is \$3.00, reduced fare for seniors, disabled individuals, and youth is \$1.50. Service hours are M-Th 7 AM – 7 PM, Fri 7 AM – 11 PM, Sat 9 AM – 11 PM, Sun 8 AM – 7 PM.

YoloTD is having a travel training at the Community & Senior Center at 10 AM.

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.

Alan Hirsch: CalTrans whistleblower has accused CalTrans of violating environmental law during the I-80 widening project. I-80 emissions make up 10% of the City of Sacramento emissions. Arguing tonight that SAC needs to put the topic on their agenda. Adding the one lane is 13% of Woodland's carbon footprint. CalTrans has been accused of starting project illegally with money from another project and is focusing on smaller projects rather than larger system-wide projects. CalTrans has been accused of underrepresenting their impact. Asking SAC to put the topic on the agenda, look at CalTrans' environmental impacts, and urge City Council to take action.

Spencer mentions the 3-minute public comment time limit, recommends putting this item on the agenda to keep discussing, and mentions that he has Alan's contact information for further questions.

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.

Ullrey: Been working with the CA Native Plant Society of Yolo Colusa County, working on setting up the chapter and starting outreach for using native plants. Notes that Cal EPA is still approving testing of EV vans and may have first approval this year. Cache Creek is hosting a cultural burn on November 8th that is open to the public.

Serena: Shoutouts Yolo Sol, a new collective to lift up the knowledge around the historical native plants in the area – website recently launched. Yearlong project surrounding teachings on the Wintun Nation native plants and conservation efforts. Some projects include storytelling about the area's history at the Cache Creek Conservancy and an event on November 4th "Acorn Traditions" at International House Davis.

Peterson: Working on creating a usable bibliography on bike trails and bike systems.

E. STAFF REPORTS

Spencer: City received tool to create an updated GHG inventory, consultant has a couple leftover hours to add some useful additions to the tool. Court Street bike safety enhancements are on hold because YoloTD is in the process of studying future transit hub locations. YoloTD wants to move transit hub from County Fair Mall closer to downtown and amenities. Council would like to wait on Court Street improvements to see where YoloTD decides to move the hub so that the projects do not clash.

F. MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION: Staff recommends that the Sustainability Advisory Committee approve its September 2023 meeting minutes.

Ullrey moves to approve the minutes, Peterson seconds. Passes unanimously (Whitaker abstains).

G. PRESENTATIONS

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION: Staff recommends that the Sustainability Advisory Committee receive a presentation on the City's Comprehensive Zoning Code update.

Spencer: Zoning code is a way to implement the General Plan. Woodland's General Plan was adopted in 2017. Been operating with zoning code, general plan, and downtown plan, but goal is to consolidate and streamline the Zoning Code. Zoning code has existed for 100 years and has

been periodically updated, but a comprehensive update is rare. The current zoning code is outdated and difficult for community members, developers, and staff to work through the code, making it difficult to push projects forward. Current code does not fully address the entitlement review requirements and requires our planners to work inefficiently by cross referencing multiple documents. Current zoning documents lack graphics demonstrating what the plan says. Many new state requirements that zoning code is not up-to-date on, particularly surrounding housing. Updated zoning code maintains the community's character (ex. historic buildings) while still developing new housing, responds to economic realities and trends, focuses on housing production, incorporates the currently separate downtown plan into the overall document, adheres to current state-wide mandates, is user-friendly to everyone (staff, community members, developers, etc.), and complies with the CEQA. Highlights #4: "Allowing our guidelines to be predictable for developers and our staff creates efficiencies that lead to the type of well-located developments that we want to see: long corridors near resources, public transit, and bike lines." Notes that zoning cannot guarantee what type of tenants will comply with the zoning. The General Plan is our land use policy, but zoning is a way to implement that. Reviews map that shows zoning code changes. It is a public draft meant for feedback, draft will be refined before going to City Council for approval.

Planning staff requests feedback by November 1st.

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Moved earlier in the meeting.

H. BUSINESS ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION: Staff recommends that the Sustainability Advisory Committee continue its outreach and engagement discussion.

Discussion topics: website landing page, enticing folks who aren't "tuned in," public display of metrics, bill insert opportunity

Committee agrees that this topic should be put on the agenda for future meetings to discuss possible formal recommendation to Council. Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee will meet prior to prepare a draft motion for City Council.

I. WORK GROUP UPDATES

J. LONG RANGE CALENDAR

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

K. ADJOURN – 7:47 PM