



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024 – 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:26 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Ullrey, Bellows, Aulman, Green

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

D. STAFF REPORTS

Committee moved staff reports and the first business item up in the agenda.

- a. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the SAC receive staff updates including:
 - i. City + County collaboration (OPR RRGP, ZEV Action Team)
 - ii. Emissions portfolios and Summer Civic Fellow
 - iii. Upcoming events: Overcrossing ribbon cutting, Honey Festival, and more

Staff gives an overview of City + County sustainability collaborations: the Office of Planning and Research Regional Resilience Grant Program and the Zero Emission Vehicle Action Team. The OPR RRGP will create a formal governance structure for county-wide sustainability work, and support financing collaborative projects. The ZEV Action Team will create ZEV transition plans including municipal fleet plans for the Cities involved. Both projects are in the MOU & RFP draft phase and are anticipated to start consultant work in Fall.

Staff provides an update on the emissions portfolio explaining that work is paused until Valley Clean Energy has an updated greenhouse gas emissions intensity to better reflect their transition to long-term renewable energy. Staff also gives an update on the Summer Civic Fellow position for the City Manager's Office titled Climate and Equity Analyst. The fellow will research best practices for Climate Action Plan tracking and dashboards and provide recommendations for the best fit for the City.

Staff invites SAC to the Sports Park Drive Bike and Pedestrian Overcrossing ribbon cutting and Honey Festival. EnviroWoodland requests volunteer support at the Honey Festival.

E. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the SAC receive an update on plans to apply for the 2024 Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District Clean Air Funds grant program and provide input on proposal.

Staff provides an overview of plans to apply for the 2024 Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District Clean Air Funds grant program. The City is requesting \$23,226 to install 10 bicycle lockers in key areas in the City. The estimated project cost is \$26,226. The City can match up to \$1,000 in General Funds earmarked for sustainability, and \$2,000 in staff time. SAC recommends that the City place lockers at the planned YoloTD downtown transit hub.

F. MEMBER REPORTS

Frankenbach: Green Schools Program aka Cool Schools Program update: Woodland Tree Foundation involved with a grant from the Texas Tree Foundation to help green 5 schools in Woodland. Tree Foundation members have met with each school principal to discuss grant goals: increase shade and cooling with tree planting, and create an outdoor classroom environment for students to learn about the outdoors and connect with nature. Texas Tree Foundation is assuming a consulting role to help administer the grant here in Woodland. The next phase will include meetings with representatives and interested parties from each school to get input on how to design each school. They hope to have a finalized draft plan by early next year, and anticipate starting projects in Spring 2025 with full build-out by Summer 2025. One goal is to reach 30% tree canopy for each school while including the students in the tree planting.

Serena: There is a new organization called YoloSol, organizing the tending and gathering garden at the Cache Creek Conservancy. They are starting a course called “Tule FunDays” that starts on Sunday 4/21 for those interested in learning about Tule gathering and traditional uses. YoloSol will continue putting out programming related to sharing their traditional ecological knowledge. Yolo County Climate Action Commission looking to hire new CivicSpark staff – looking for local individuals to support efforts. Previous CivicSpark staff have not come from Yolo County and commission would like more local Yolo County staff who are more familiar with the area. Serena has been appointed to represent Yolo County for SACOG’s mobility zones projects.

Whitaker: Active cycle for the Active Transportation Program that supports bike/pedestrian infrastructure. Sent staff Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund information. Funding coming down the pipeline for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the summer. Climate Adaptation Planning funding from OPR due on the 20th, Urban Community Forestry Program due May 30th. Different funding options out there. Encourages City to go after funding opportunities to make necessary sustainable infrastructure improvements. Question: is part of the analysis behind the Tech Park increasing transit service between the University and that part of Woodland? Ken Hiatt clarifies that there are plans for a transit hub in the Tech Park that will be the first point of connection from Davis, additional studies underway from YoloTD and others.

Ken Hiatt mentions that City received \$900,000 from SACOG collective federal RAISE grant to redesign East Street from Kentucky Ave. to Gibson Ave. for road diet, bike lanes, pedestrian infrastructure improvements, etc.

G. MINUTES

Serena motions to approve March Meeting Minutes Muñoz seconds. Motion passes 6-0-0.

H. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION: Staff recommends that the SAC review its existing Work Plan and provide suggested updates before the May 2024 meeting.

Muñoz explains that this is an opportunity to look at the Work Plan at home and return at next meet to discuss. Committee discusses opportunities to improve Work Plan and how to better operationalize the SAC charter, will discuss more in-depth at future meetings.

I. WORK GROUP UPDATES

Outreach & Engagement: Presented proposed outreach strategy and budget at the March meeting, request for feedback. Work group will meet with staff to discuss next steps.

J. LONG RANGE CALENDAR

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

- 4/26: Green Drinks
- May: Work Plan discussion, Outreach & Engagement Strategy

Ken gives an update on the Woodland Regional Park Preserve noting that it will be open in Fall following road and infrastructure improvements.

K. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.