



Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2024 – 6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Grandia, Serena, Frankenbach, Aulman, Bellows, & Green

Absent: Ullrey, Whitaker, Muñoz

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment:

The first individual addressed the issues of public transportation and carbon pollution. In terms of public transport, the individual expressed concern that the plan to increase 42 bus routes in the county (with transport from Yolo County to Downtown Sacramento and the Sacramento International Airport) was cut. In terms of carbon pollution, the individual was concerned about the ongoing I-80 highway construction and its environmental impact.

The second individual addressed the issue of gravel mining and priority reclamation. The individual informed the committee of effort underway so habitat reclamation would be prioritized over agricultural reclamation. This effort, the individual states, aligns with the environmental climate plan for 2035 and would provide effective carbon sequestering as there would be the opportunity for seasonal wetlands. The individual also mentioned a project titled “Nature Solutions” ran by The California Department of Natural Resources that aligns with climate change efforts.

Bellows motions to move the Business Item 2 up in the agenda, Serena seconds. Motion passes 6-0-0.

- a. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the SAC discuss local waste plastic waste policy and practice

Discussion: Plastic is a huge issue for the City of Woodland and clean ups can bring community awareness of the issue and provide important data to the City of Woodland. A member mentions that human health is heavily affected by waste citing several recent studies. Another member states recycling rates are low and the members agree that it would be beneficial to go out to the Yolo County Landfill to tour and view compliance information. Additionally, there is a push

within the committee for social media education to help the City of Woodland “adopt a culture of reuse.”

Bellows motions to agendize a discussion at the July meeting on single-use plastic bottles in the City, with an amendment to request data from City Staff; Serena seconds. Motion passes 6-0-0.

D. MEMBER REPORTS

Green: Nothing to report.

Aulman: Created memo including outreach, city responsibilities, and the call to action as featured in the CAP 2035 plan which was distributed to members during meeting. Spoke at City Council meeting June 4th 2024, where Aulman advocated for: 1. The creation and advancement of an informational website regarding the CAP 2035 plan and 2. Continued development of a “Guide to Low-Carbon Living in Woodland.” Aulman also advocated for a FAQ page similar to that seen on the Research and Tech Park website. Argument for agenizement and to place the prior mentioned points as action items. Aulman also notes there should be someone in each department assigned to the 2035 CAP plan (i.e. CAP coordinator).

Rolf: Builds on the notion of agendizement and proposes that the SAC come up with ways to spur community involvement and awareness of climate issues.

Adelita: Discussed the Climate Action Plan Adaption draft and the feedback collected from an event in Knights Landing. Adelita did note low turnout as the event was hosted on Juneteenth, a Federal Holiday. It is then stated that this plan has an executive summary and there will be another meeting to collect feedback on June 20th, with the final feedback deadline on July 11th. Additionally, Adelita spoke to Enviro Woodland about having posts dedicated to the committee and introducing members alongside announcing vacancies and meetings. Adelita further promoted a free event which pertains to “Restoring Cache Creek Wetlands” hosted at the Stephens Branch Library located in Davis.

Bellows: Bellows presented a slideshow where he first emphasized the importance of influencing community climate awareness through putting out monthly news articles, engaging in TV news, and participating in UC Davis research. Similarly, he proposed the creation of an independent committee removed from the SAC yet insists there will likely be overlap between the two. Secondly, Bellows states the SAC should organize a trip to the Yolo County Recycling Center.

Grandia: Reported that the most recent “Green Drinks” event was a success and had great turnout. Also reiterated that the event is quarterly and it was time to start planning for the next one. Reiterated the importance of Enviro Woodland connection.

E. STAFF REPORTS

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory Update: Tool used to track emissions throughout the City. City staff worked on update, but faced challenges due to PGE's 15/15

privacy rule, the addition of Valley Clean Energy (VCE), and VCE's power content label. Staff is waiting for an updated power content label from VCE that better reflects their transition to renewable energy to move forward. Staff also actively participating in UC Berkeley Climate Action Data Committee for statewide solutions (see below).

UC Berkeley Climate Action Data Committee: Group of academics, consultants, and researchers to solve GHG data issues and streamline process for local GHG inventories; state funded. City is a member and staff are actively attending meetings.

Regional Resilience Grant Program: County-wide effort to create a Yolo Regional Resilience collaborative that will position us for better collaboration on regional projects and additional funding; state funded through Governor's Office of Planning & Research (OPR). MOU signed, RFP process under way. Anticipated to start consultant work in Fall.

Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Action Team: County-wide effort to perform an analysis of the county's ZEV infrastructure needs, positioning us better for future grant applications and investments; each member will work with selected consultant on a municipal fleet transition plan. RFP in progress, will close in two weeks. Anticipated to start consultant work in Fall.

Capital Regional Climate Resilience Collaborative (CRCRC): Sacramento region-wide (six county) group to share best practices and coordinate efforts. Staff member elected to the CRCRC Steering Committee; CRCRC activities helped in efforts such as the above OPR grant application and Federal EPA CPRG program.

Civic Fellow: 2024 Summer Civic Fellow project will include researching and implementing a CAP tracking dashboard, working with department heads to share their sustainability progress. Civic Fellow hired, start date June 17.

ZEV Support: Installation of ZEV infrastructure and procurement of vehicles. New public EV chargers in downtown launched in January 2024. Additional chargers anticipated behind Hotel Woodland in Fall 2024. Fleet services complying with State's "Green Fleets" rules and participating in ZEV Action Team (see above).

Bike Loop: Identify and promote a citywide bike loop to promote active transportation. City approved and identified loop location in March 2024. City received YSAQMD funding for signage and promotion. Currently designing signs, paint, and bike lane improvements along the route.

Woodland Bike Lockers: Install bike lockers in key areas throughout the City. YSAQMD awarded \$10,300 for the project. This will fund 4 or 5 bike lockers.

F. MINUTES

Grandia motions to approve the May 2024 meeting minutes, Serena seconds. Motion passes 5-0-1 (Bellows abstains).

G. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:** Staff recommends that the SAC discuss upcoming public engagement opportunities including California Coastal Cleanup Day

Serena motions for SAC to plan a California Coastal Cleanup Day on Sept. 21st, Frankenbach seconds. Motion passes 6-0-0.

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Moved up in the agenda.

H. WORK GROUP UPDATES

Cool Schools Initiative update: A Cool Schools event was held where the tree canopy of five schools in Woodland (Beamer, Engle, Friedman, Whitehead, and Prairie) was discussed. The Cool Schools project aims to increase tree canopy at schools making sure that 30% tree canopy is obtained. Currently, the tree canopy range at the mentioned schools is 9-14%. Information gathered from the event and information provided by Daniel Hewitt, regarding current tree canopy data that was ascertained from schools in question, is now being processed by landscape professionals connected to Texas Tree. As Texas Tree works on a plan, this will provide another opportunity for public input given the continued evolution of the plan derived from the first input that occurred. The project will have three phases, planning, planting, and maintenance. Currently the project is in its first phase.

I. LONG RANGE CALENDAR

Priority Items

- Green Drinks: Organizing before the next meeting. More details to come.
- California Coastal Cleanup Day: Set for September. The event aims to reduce litter on the streets of Woodland.
- Bike loop downtown improvements

J. ADJOURN

Serena motions to adjourn meeting, Aulman seconds. Motion passes 6-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.