

**COMMUNITY SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall
1 The Plaza
Sonoma, CA

January 9, 2013

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Comms. Blattner, Clary, Lanusse, Latorre, Petlock, Thomas, Whitmore

Commissioners Absent: Comm. Kelley, Wilbanks

Also Present: Management Analyst Rogers

Chair Petlock called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

1. Comments from the Public

Darryn Ponicsan, France Street, said the Leaf Blower Ordinance was not being enforced and cited locations where landscapers were not in compliance. Chair Petlock said the CSCE Subcommittee on Community Health and Recreation would look into the issue.

2. Minutes of December 12, 2012

Comm. Whitmore moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2012, as presented. Comm. Blattner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Event Review

Wine Country Half Marathon/Wine & Music Festival (July 21, 2013)

Staff reported the City Council approved Destination Races temporary use permit of City streets for the Sonoma Wine Country Half Marathon at its meeting of January 7, 2013. Matt Dockstader, Destination Races, and Leslie Peterson, Hanna Boyes Center (HBC) was present to discuss restructuring of the event. The resubmitted application reflects HBC's participation and contributions made to HBC by Destination Races. The corrected budget reflects direct revenues and expenses for the Wine & Music Festival and related activities on the Plaza (the budget previously combined marathon fundraising with the events on the Plaza). Hanna Boys Center will receive approximately \$30K in contributions, an increase of \$10,000 from the previous year. In addition, the event raised \$2 million for national and regional charities.

CSEC discussed the budget; Comm. Blattner made two corrections: 1) Removing the charity contribution to Community Action Napa Valley which does not contribute to Sonoma Valley (the 40% contribution will still be met); and 2) Delete the \$2,200,000 charity fundraising by CCFA Team Challenge. She said the budget was clear and met the requirements of the Event Policy.

Chair Petlock reported a noise complaint based on last year's early morning amplification announcing runners at the finish line. Dockstader outlined what he would do to lower the decibel volume of the announcements. He said the runners are world class competing for the Olympic trials; they leave Napa at 7:00 a.m. and arrive in Sonoma at 7:55 a.m. with the last of the runners returning around 10:30 a.m. The band will start at 9:30 a.m. vs. 9:00 a.m. at Grinstead Amphitheater.

It was moved by Comm. Blattner, seconded by Comm. Whitmore: a) Approve the Wine Country Half Marathon/Wine & Music Festival application (Plan 2) with the resubmitted budget, subject to the SEC Conditions of Approval, and noise mitigation measures as follows:

- a) 40% minimum contribution from the Wine & Music Festival to local charities; b) Required noise reduction from the PA system announcing the return of the runners; c) Announcer will not start until the first runner arrives (typically at 7:55 a.m.); d) Volume on the PA will be turned down from last year (from level 8 to level 5) for the first runners, gradually increasing volume (if needed when crowds increase); e) They will start playing music at 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. in the Grinstead Amphitheater .

4. Proposed Subcommittees and Commission Goals 2013

4.1 Subcommittee Groupings: Commissioner reviewed the proposed subcommittee changes for 2013, including topics and commissioners to serve. The following was agreed on:

Transportation: (Walking, Bicycling, Transit, and other vehicle use): Commissioners: Clary, Latorre, Thomas

Natural Resources and Sustainability: (Greywater Systems, Solar Programs, GHG Reduction, Resource Protection, Water Quality, Conservation and Recycling, Open Space District): Commissioners: Clary, Kelley, Petlock, Thomas

Community Health, Recreation and Open Space: (Personal Health, Parks, & Recreation). Commissioners: Clary, Lanusse, Latorre

The Tree Committee Meeting: (Participates on Tree Committee as voting member and review tree removal requests). Commissioners: Blattner, Lanusse, Whitmore

Farmers' Market and Special Event Concerns: Commissioners: Blattner, Petlock, Whitmore, Wilbanks

4.2 Commission-wide Goals: Organizing a Sustainability Day was agreed on and would be organized within the Natural Resources and Sustainability subcommittee. Comm. Kelley previously suggested outreach to Sonoma Community Center and Sonoma Ecology Center to coordinate possible summer event.

5. Reports: Subcommittee Goals/Reports

The following subcommittee priorities/activities were identified.

Comm. Whitmore proposed researching the process of becoming a part of an organization called Tree City USA Certification. Comm. Lanusse elaborated that the Tree City USA is an annual recognition that requires a community to spend funds on maintaining and improving their urban forest; part of criteria is also having an Arbor Day that is recognized with a Proclamation.

This would be a Tree Subcommittee project to look at requirements to qualify.

Natural Resources/Sustainability/Greywater Systems: The subcommittee met.

Other activities suggested: Water tour starting at the headwaters.

Comm. Clary asked about the tree on 5th Street West that is lifting the sidewalk. Action Item: Staff to update commission on status from Public Works Department.

Farmers' Market and Special Event Concerns: Chair Petlock said the event committee met. They looked at the recycling plan again and creating a spread sheet for a baseline of recycling for each event (date collected from last year's events). They also discussed red flags for events. The Farmers Market has some issues with security to work out (a requirement from the City Council approval).

Community Health, Recreation and Open Space:
The subcommittee will discuss the Montini Open Space Preserve this year when trail construction begins. Commissioners reported that dogs are being seen on and off leash on the Overlook Trail.

The Tree Committee Meeting:
Comm. Lanusse proposed annually to have an orientation with a city recognized arborist to give an overview of what to look for when reviewing tree applications for the Tree Committee (legitimate applications for tree removal).

Transportation:
The subcommittee exchanged emails with new members and will set the next date to meet. Ongoing goals would include supporting the annual Walk & Roll to school event and possibly organizing a bike route tour with Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition.

6. Nomination and Ratification of CSEC Chair

It was moved by Comm. Blattner, seconded by Comm. Latorre, to nominate Chris Petlock to serve as chair of the CSEC for another year. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Closing Comments

Management Analyst Rogers said dates for joint meetings of the City Council with City Commissions were being planned and would be announced by the City Manager.

The CSEC discussed the ongoing education of asking people at large events on the Plaza, to "take out what they bring in" regarding recycling, especially glass wine bottles that are hard to manage and overflow in the recycling bins. Chair Petlock reported on ABC policy when people leave the Plaza with partially consumed wine bottles. *Removal of open wine bottles depends on the source of the alcohol and the ABC license type.*

"If people bring their own wine into the plaza (but don't drink it all) they may leave with it. If they are transporting it home, they need to secure it in the trunk of their vehicle so they are not "driving with an open container". If they obtain the bottle from a vendor at an event, they are not allowed to leave the "licensed premises" with alcohol unless the vendor has the proper ABC license type".

The matter will be discussed further through CSEC subcommittee on how best to educate recycling issues. Chair Petlock suggested emphasizing wine bottle recycling and procedures with event managers during CSEC event approval.

8. Adjournment

Chair Petlock adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The next regular meeting scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Rogers, Management Analyst