



COMMUNITY SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

Community Meeting Room
177 First Street West
Sonoma, CA 95476

October 12, 2016
Minutes

Commissioners Present: Comms. Brown-Chairman, Allebach, Cook, Harrington, Petlock, Rateaver, and Wilbanks

Commissioners Absent: Comms. Hutzler, Metzler, and Pollack

Also Present: Public Works Administrative Manager Wall
Associate Planner Atkins
Honorable Mayor Gallian
Jack Wagner, Sonoma Resident and City Council Candidate
Caitlin Cornwall, Sonoma Ecology Center
Tom Conlon, Transition Sonoma Valley

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

1. Approval of the Minutes from September 14, 2016

It was moved by Comm. Harrington and seconded by Comm. Cook to approve the minutes of September 14, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Subcommittee Report

- a. **Tree Committee (Standing Subcommittee).** Chair Brown and Comm. Rateaver decided to continue holding the Tree Committee meetings on the third Thursday of every month in the City Hall Conference Room at 4:00 PM.
- b. **Bike Share Program (Ad Hoc).** Comm. Petlock stated the subcommittee would present information regarding the program to the CSEC in November.

3. Consider Recommending City Council Adopt Policy to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The CSEC reviewed the policy options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the City. During this discussion, Caitlin Cornwall of the Sonoma Ecology Center gave a presentation on her findings and the City of Sonoma staff lead for the Climate Action 2020 Plan, Associate Planner Atkins, presented a staff report with recommendations on how the CSEC could proceed.

After review and public testimony, three motions were made under this item, including the following:

- **Motion 1:** It was moved by Comm. Harrington and seconded by Comm. Petlock to create a Greenhouse Gas Emissions subcommittee to assist with determining future greenhouse gas reduction measures for the City. The CSEC voted 7-0 (with two commissioners absent) to approve this motion.
- **Motion 2:** It was moved by Comm. Allebach and seconded by Comm. Harrington to ask the City Council for direction on the CSEC's role in supporting the implementation of local greenhouse gas reduction measures in the City. The CSEC requested their role include making recommendations to City Council on greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, measures, and alternatives, and to support staff in implementation and performance tracking. The CSEC also requested for the City Council to direct City staff to provide baseline data on each measure, tracking metrics, and periodic goal progress reports to CSEC and City Council. The CSEC voted 7-0 (with two commissioners absent) to approve this motion.

- **Motion 3:** It was moved by Comm. Harrington and seconded by Comm. Cook for the CSEC to prepare a memorandum to City Council recommending all the measures outlined in the letter written by Transition Sonoma Valley be approved and implemented in the City (these measures would include the following: 1-L2 [Outdoor Lighting], 1-L3 [Shade Tree Planting], 2-L1 [Solar in New Residential], 2-L2 [Solar in Existing Residential], 2-L3 [Solar in New Non-Residential], 2-L4 (Solar in Existing Non-Residential), 4-L1 (Mixed-Use Development in City Centers), 4-L2 [Increase Transit Accessibility], 4-L3 [Supporting Land Use Measures], 4-L4 [Affordable Housing Linked to Transit], 5-L4 [Supporting Bicycle/Pedestrian Measures], 5-L5 [Traffic Calming], 7-L3 [Reduce Fossil Fuel Use in Equipment]). The memorandum would also include a description of measures that should be prioritized based on the value of the greenhouse gas reduction. The CSEC voted 7-0 (with two commissioners absent) to approve this motion.

4. CSEC Student Member Discussion

Chair Brown and Comm. Harrington discussed the importance of having a student member as part of CSEC. City staff reviewed with the CSEC that the City Council selects members of the Commission when there is an opening. There is a term requirement and application process as identified in the City's Municipal Code. There currently are no openings in the CSEC, and the current youth representative position is filled by another Commissioner.

Chair Brown and Comm. Wilbanks plan to meet with the City Manager to further discuss this matter.

5. Future Agenda Items

The following item will be placed on the November 9, 2016 meeting agenda:

- Discussion about Parks and Recreation Activities in the City (requested by Comm. Petlock)

The following item will be incorporated into a future meeting agenda:

- Request for Farmer's Market Event Application to include an Allotted Time for Commissioners to Speak during the Event.

6. Commissioner and Staff Comments

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:43 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Wall, Public Works Administrative Manager