



SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2020

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mark Aulman, Marcia Cary, Christine Casey, Liza Grandia, Catalina Munoz, Sara Schremmer, Raul Tadle

Absent: Robert Ullrey

Staff Present: Rosie Ledesma, Ken Loman, Jianelli Morones, Reyna Piñon

3. Public comment

None.

4. Member reports

Chairperson Casey: For the 2020 meeting schedule, the April meeting falls on the first day of Passover, so members should notify staff if they will not be able to attend due to the holiday and because the November meeting falls on Veterans Day, for which city offices will be closed, Chairperson Casey proposed that the November meeting be moved to November 4. The Committee agreed that the meeting should be moved to November 4 and will confirm by the next meeting if that date will work for their schedules. The Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) discussed outreach strategies at their last meeting. There may be good opportunities for collaboration between the VCEA CAC and the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Vice Chairperson Aulman: A member of the VCEA CAC is requesting that City Council consider discouraging natural gas hookups in new construction or provide a path forward in new construction to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Vice Chairperson Aulman will share a list of links to web pages with background on this issue and a member of the VCEA CAC would like to present to the Sustainability Advisory Committee on this topic. The Woodland Tree Foundation would also like to present to the Sustainability Advisory Committee regarding Woodland's urban forest. PG&E is distributing outreach materials about proper maintenance of trees and information on applications at the base of trees, which would help eliminate the need to drastically prune trees, but may cause other concerns for property owners.

Grandia: A group of community members participated with the Woodland Coalition for Green Schools in Woodland's holiday parade. The group walked with a green-colored sheep to promote the Coalition's Green Sheep Pledge, which aims to spread information about common toxic chemicals found in household products and materials. Liza attended a meeting in Davis regarding the Green New Deal at which the attendees identified top priorities to lobby at the state level.

Schremmer: Resource conservation districts in the Sacramento Valley recently signed a memorandum of understanding to address several issues including securing funding for a new position to focus on carbon farming in coordination with the Carbon Cycle Institute.

Munoz: The Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee will hold their next meeting on Monday, February 3.

Tadle: Raul reached out to contacts he has in Southern California regarding reducing energy use and learned that the electric utilities offer energy conservation incentives such as free tune-ups for heating and air systems and various rebates such as a rebate for a smart thermostat. These incentives may be considered during program development.

Cary: The Committee should work with staff to identify projects that may be fully or partially funded through the Clean Air Fund grant program administered by the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.

5. Staff reports

Ken Loman, Environmental Sustainability Manger, stated that Waste Management's annual rate adjustments were approved by Council on December 17. The City of Woodland has been working with Yolo County, the cities of Davis and Winters, and Ascent Environmental to develop a regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory and a system for regular inventory updates. The kickoff meeting for the regional GHG emissions inventory occurred on December 10, 2019.

6. CivicSpark Fellow reports

Jianelli Morones, CivicSpark Fellow, stated that she is continuing the development of an outreach plan for the Committee through research and incorporating existing resources on climate engagement and outreach toolkits. She is working on identifying local groups and audiences in Woodland and how they are affected by climate change.

7. Approve minutes for November 13, 2019

On a motion by Vice Chairperson Aulman, seconded by Catalina Munoz, and carried unanimously on a 6-0-2 vote, committee members approved the minutes for the November 13, 2019 meeting.

Ayes: Aulman, Cary, Grandia, Munoz, Schremmer, and Tadle

Noes: None

Abstain: Casey

Absent: Ullrey

8. Provide feedback on the Waste Wizard online solid waste and recycling tool

Rosie Ledesma, Environmental Resource Analyst, provided an overview of the new online waste and recycling directory tool, Waste Wizard, and collection calendar and opened the discussion up for feedback on the two program features. Members provided feedback and asked questions about the program. Members will send additional feedback to staff by email.

9. Receive member report and discuss Woodland Joint Unified School District sustainability efforts

Liza Grandia discussed actions recently taken by the Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) Board in support of sustainability efforts including passing one of the most progressive flooring policies in the country and establishing an environmental advisory committee. Along with the environmental advisory committee, the Board also established a food oversight committee and a safety committee. Liza suggested that the Sustainability Advisory Committee consider the flooring policy adopted by the WJUSD for adoption by the City.

10. Discuss work plan

Staff provided a work plan discussion document that outlined all of the ideas for work plan goals and tasks provided by committee members to staff. The Committee agreed that the four work plan items based on the Committee's charge are acceptable and agreed that they would establish sub-committees to prioritize the goals and tasks under each work plan item. The following members expressed interest in participating on the following sub-committees:

1. Sustainability Policy and Climate Action Plan (CAP) Implementation Feedback to City Council:
Casey, Munoz, Tadle
2. Sustainability Program Design and Implementation Advisement and Assistance:
Aulman, Schremmer
3. Public Input and Feedback on Sustainability and CAP Implementation Issues:
Aulman, Schremmer
4. Community-Wide CAP Implementation Assistance:
Aulman, Cary, Casey, Grandia, Munoz

Sub-committees can have a maximum of four members in compliance with the Brown Act. Appointments to sub-committees will occur at the February Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting.

11. Discuss long-range calendar

The Committee agreed that they would like to discuss initial planning for a community event focused on sustainability as well as ideas for honoring the 50th anniversary of Earth Day at the next meeting. A presentation from the City's Urban Forestry Group about the Urban Forest Master Plan and plans for an update to the City's tree ordinance has been tentatively moved to the March meeting.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.