



SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – FEBURARY 12, 2020

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Marcia Cary, Christine Casey, Liza Grandia, Catalina Munoz, Sara Schremmer, Raul Tadle, Robert Ullrey

Absent: Mark Aulman

Staff Present: Rosie Ledesma, Jianelli Morones, Reyna Piñon

3. Public comment

None.

4. Member reports

Cary: Marcia started taking an online urban nature class and thinks it would be helpful for people from local organizations who have worked on outreach efforts related to urban forestry and other related topics to give presentations at Sustainability Advisory Committee meetings. She has been facilitating a book repair group at the Woodland Public Library, which recently repaired their 10,000th book.

Tadle: In anticipation of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, Raul has been in contact with students in the environmental group at Sacramento State University who are working on planning activities for the annual celebration.

Munoz: Catalina met with Maria Contreras Tebbutt from The Bike Campaign regarding bike skills training programs for elementary school children at local schools. The Bike Campaign is looking for volunteers and assistance in promoting the upcoming events at elementary schools. At last month's Yolo County Transportation Advisory Committee meeting there was a presentation on a performance audit that was conducted by an independent company from Sacramento, which indicated a need to enhance Yolo County's marketing efforts and services in Yolo County.

Schremmer: Sara will not be at the March and April committee meetings as she will be on maternity leave. She wants to keep informed of the governor's proposed budget and Climate Catalyst Fund, which is a low interest revolving loan fund that is meant to support climate-related work. The fund is in the very early stages of development.

Grandia: There are several parents who are concerned about the refinishing of the athletic fields with synthetic turf. The fields are already synthetic turf, but there are health concerns related to this type of turf. Liza and Mark spoke at City Council about some of the health concerns. The school district is in the process of forming their new environmental committee. The meeting schedule for the new committee has not yet been established. A local group in support of the Green New Deal has continued to have meetings in Davis.

The group is exploring ways to have an impact on the legislative field. UC Davis has expressed interest in the sustainable flooring policy adopted by the Woodland Joint Unified School District.

5. Staff reports

Reyna Piñon, Conservation Coordinator, stated that the City's Ken Loman, Environmental Sustainability Manager, is taking a leave of absence and is hoping to be back to work as soon as possible. Rosie Ledesma, Environmental Resource Analyst, is acting in his place for the time being. The City Manager is retiring in the beginning of March and there will be an interim city manager until the position is filled. Rosie Ledesma thanked the Committee for providing feedback on the new online interactive collection calendar and waste and recycling directory tool, the Waste Wizard. The interactive collection calendar and Waste Wizard will be launched on the City's website in February.

6. CivicSpark Fellow reports

Jianelli Morones, CivicSpark Fellow, stated that she has done a lot of research on vulnerable populations in Woodland and recently started conducting informational interviews with professionals who work in environmental justice and related fields to learn how to approach outreach and engagement. Jianelli will not be at the March Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting as she will be at the CivicSpark program's mid-year gathering.

7. Approve minutes for January 8, 2020

On a motion by Raul Tadle, seconded by Sara Schremmer, and carried unanimously on a 7-0-1 vote, committee members approved the minutes for the January 8, 2020 meeting.

Ayes: Casey, Cary, Grandia, Munoz, Schremmer, Tadle, and Ullrey

Noes: None

Absent: Aulman

8. Discuss and approve proposed mission statement

On a motion by Marcia Cary, seconded by Raul Tadle, and carried unanimously on a 7-0-1 vote, committee members approved the following mission statement:

The mission of the Sustainability Advisory Committee is to serve as a forum for public input and feedback, and to assist the Woodland City Council and City staff with the evaluation of sustainability policy, program design, and community-wide Climate Action Plan implementation.

Ayes: Casey, Cary, Grandia, Munoz, Schremmer, Tadle, and Ullrey

Noes: None

Absent: Aulman

9. Discuss city council item recognizing the 50th anniversary of Earth Day

Chairperson Casey and staff provided a draft City Council proclamation to recognize the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Committee members provided a few edits that were made to the draft proclamation at the meeting. The proclamation will be finalized at the March Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting.

10. Discuss sustainability fair/event

The Committee discussed initial questions related to planning a sustainability event, the format for the event, and the need for an ad-hoc sub-committee tasked with planning and organizing the event. The event will likely be held in fall of 2020 on the same day or within the same week or month as another sustainability “holiday,” such as National Energy Awareness Month, World Environmental Health Day, or others. Staff will check on the availability of various dates with the Community and Senior Center as a potential venue for the event.

11. Work plan development

a. Approve appointments to ad-hoc sub-committees

The Committee discussed appointments for four ad-hoc sub-committees, which will work on finalizing the goals and tasks of each of the four work plan items. The Committee agreed that each sub-committee will have a coordinator to coordinate meeting times. On a motion by Raul Tadle, seconded by Catalina Munoz, and carried unanimously on a 7-0-1 vote, committee members approved appointments to four ad-hoc sub-committees.

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

Ayes: Casey, Cary, Grandia, Munoz, Schremmer, Tadle, Ullrey

Noes: None

Absent: Aulman

12. Discuss long-range calendar

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 moved to the April meeting.

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.