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CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE

VIRTUAL ONLY
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

3. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2020

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. **DIANNE NIELSON, OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, WILL PRESENT THE P&R'S TREE PLANTING GOALS AND DISCUSS COLLABORATING WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

B. **COMMUNITY GARDEN: ROBERTS DANIELS JR. AND HAVANA-SOLIZ PARK**

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss community gardening

C. **MONTEREY COUNTY 2030 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the 2030 MCAP.
News: https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/10/27/monterey-county-board-to-create-community-climate-action-plan-by-2022/
County website: https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/administrative-office/intergovernmental-and-legislative-affairs/sustainability

D. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: PRIORITY IMPACT PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION POLICY**

RECOMMENDATION: Provide subcommittee updates: accomplishment, tasks, future plans

E. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: HABITAT SUBCOMMITTEE**

RECOMMENDATION: Provide subcommittee updates: accomplishment, tasks, future plans

F. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: GREEN ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

RECOMMENDATION: Provide subcommittee updates: accomplishment, tasks, future plans

8. **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

9. **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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DRAFT MINUTES
CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING
Council Chamber
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
5:45PM

2. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
PRESENT: Raak, Bala, Murphy, Molle, Murphy

3. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

5. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2020
Motioned by Molle, second by Murphy. Unanimous approval.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. UPDATE ON THE PIPPP (PRIORITY IMPACT PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION ORDINANCE), SEASIDE MUNICIPAL CODE 8.60
Raak talked about the proposed ordinance being placed on hold due to COVID 19 restrictions. There is a financial strain on all businesses, including restaurants. The increase in take-out orders has likely resulted in an increase in single-use plastics. Next steps should include looking at the draft policy and meeting with a our local chamber and restaurant employee organizations. Agreement from Abraham-Panni and Molle regarding the sentiment that "now isn't the time to add regulations that would be financially straining." SL Rocha emphasized the importance of more outreach.
Public Comment: None.

B. UPDATE ON POLLINATOR GARDENS AND GRANT
Murphy talked about the project, what has happened, what needs to happen for ongoing maintenance. SL Rocha provided an overview of the project summary provided to the Xerces Society for the Seaside plantings.
Public Comment: None.

C. ANNUAL WORK PLAN
Raak introduced the topics, discussed changes and details of the annual work plan. Provided clarification on how to find ways for economic, social,

public health, climate and environmental issues around COVID 19, plus.
Public Comment: None
Vote: Murphy motioned approval of the annual workplan, seconded by Tu. Unanimous.

D. WORKING GROUPS

Three subcommittees formed:

1. Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Policy (Kera, Mariana, Lacey, SL Rocha)
2. Habitat Subcommittee (Laura, Kristin, Lacey, SL Rocha)
3. Green Economic Recovery Subcommittee (Chelsea, Lori, SL Rocha alt. Kera)

Public Comment: None.

E. VOTE TO ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Vote: Murphy motioned, seconded by Abraham Panni: Molle and Murphy unanimously voted to vice chair and chair, respectively.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

7:14PM

https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/food_wine/a-community-garden-sprouts-up-in-seaside-born-of-nostalgia-and-environmentalism/article_f902318a-2f86-11eb-99e6-fbfa2bfe59b6.html

A community garden sprouts up in Seaside, born of nostalgia and environmentalism.

Asaf Shalev
Nov 26, 2020

Robert Daniels Jr. at Havana-Soliz Park, where he and some like-minded friends have cleaned out weeds, planted native species and started a small community garden.

Parker Seibold

Robert Daniels, Jr. was in his early 20s and living in Arizona when he fell ill with cancer. As he fought to recover, he had to move back home to Seaside.

“Getting sick kind of messed up my relationship. And I couldn’t work. So I was forced to move back into the neighborhood,” says Daniels, who is now 26. “But I’m kind of glad I did. It gave me an opportunity to open my perspective and reground myself.”

After the cancer went into remission, Daniels found a new sense of purpose in the soil of Havana-Soliz Park, a patch of open space with mature trees and a view of the Monterey Bay located three blocks from his home. The park was overrun with weeds and neglected. Daniels decided to salvage it and recruited his childhood friends to help. They spent the past four months pulling weeds, planting native species and establishing a community garden. So far, they are doing all of it with almost no support.

On a recent Friday morning, the *Weekly* met up with Daniels to check out the project.

Weekly: **Tell me about the shirt you’re wearing. (His shirt displays the words “Black King,” followed by a definition.)**

Daniels: People have a [range] of different perspectives on what the definition of a Black man is. When people read my shirt, they say to themselves, he must identify himself as a Black King. So maybe the negativity that you automatically have is nullified by reading the definition of what I think I am.

How did this project get started?

I took an environmental biology class at Monterey Peninsula College. We went out to Carmel and did a revitalization project of the dunes, removing ice plant. Our professor was explaining the theory that ice plants came here on slave ships. He told us how the ice plants reverse the soil by taking the sediment from below the soil, kind of like flipping it.

The next day, I came to Havana-Soliz Park with my daughter and she fell and got a bunch of dirt in her mouth. I asked myself, “Why am I spending all this time over there when I should be doing this in my own neighborhood?”

From making sure your cancer doesn’t come back to taking care of a 7-year-old daughter, you have a lot on your shoulders. What inspires you to give back?

God. [Pauses.] And good people. When you're at your lowest and people make an effort to help you, it's out of compassion. Having somebody reach out to me and help me, especially my teachers, while I was really sick and still going to school, it showed me how I need to treat the rest of the world.

Everything is one. The best version of me has to have the best community. The best community has to have the best version of me.

Do you have an example that comes to mind?

I had a counselor and I didn't know he was fighting cancer at the same time I was. One day, I went in for radiation and we saw each other. At first, we didn't say anything, but [when we saw each other again] it just seemed like the facade we both had built – the strength that we were trying to portray to each other – had just crumbled. When somebody makes himself vulnerable, it leads to compassion.

How did you convince your friends to join the Havana-Soliz project?

I tried to remind them of how the park used to be. When we were kids, it was all grass and we would play football. As you can see now, everything is dirt. It just is a complete contrast of what we remember as kids. I said, "Let's try to get it back to as good as we can remember for the next generations that are coming."

What do you hope to do next?

I would definitely like to keep this going. I have a huge disdain for ice plant now. I want to remove them everywhere. I'd beautify all the parks in Seaside. That'd be a great start.

I'm just an environmental person. I like soil. I like to be able to bring food, with homelessness being a big issue out here. All the area we have in parks, it wouldn't be too hard to kind of make agriculture out of free space. Grow vegetables to where anybody can come in and grab it or we can donate.

Asaf Shalev

Asaf Shalev is a staff writer at the Monterey County Weekly. He covers the environment, agriculture and K-12 education, as well as Seaside, Marina, Sand City, Big Sur and Carmel Valley.

CITY OF SEASIDE
STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 7.C.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Beth Rocha, Associate Planner

DATE: December 8, 2020

SUBJECT: **MONTEREY COUNTY 2030 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the 2030 MCAP.
News: https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/10/27/monterey-county-board-to-create-community-climate-action-plan-by-2022/
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BACKGROUND

The MCAP is for internal County operations.

The County-wide CAP is currently only for the un-incorporated areas, but we are interested in partnering with jurisdictions throughout the process where possible. We believe that cities will have different strategies.

Is the City of Seaside interested in a 2030 CAP? I have been wanting to reach out to the jurisdictions to gauge interest, but since COVID/fires I know folks have not been so available. If you are interested we could have a chat and discuss in more detail. I know AMBAG is doing GHG inventory for all jurisdictions in the bay area so that is a great

start.

We're happy to share with you and the other jurisdictions our stakeholder engagement process at the very least. We'll be discussing our strategies to reduce emissions over a series of meetings and have formed 6 different sector working groups to address concerns and find the best possible ways to meet our goals.

We're in the process of identifying funding and writing an RFQ. We'll include an optional section in the RFQ for pricing for the jurisdictions as well to see if we can't get a better deal for all.

ATTACHMENTS

None