



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL ONLY
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Lacey Raak

Chair

Kristin Molle
Laura Murphy
Kera Abraham Panni
Becky Johnson
Chelsea Tu
Mariana Del Valle Prieto Cervantes
Timothy Randazzo

Vice Chair
Committee Member
Committee Member
Committee Member
Committee Member
Committee Member
Student Representative

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021 AND APRIL 13, 2021

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS AND RETURNING TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION: Provide staff with direction on returning to monthly meetings and the desire of the Commission to reconvene meetings in-person.

B. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF IN REGARDS TO BUDGET SUGGESTIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding potential budget requests and; to increase the Environmental Commission's budget allocation from the City Council.

C. RECEIVE UPDATES FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATION: Receive updates and provide input on Sub-Committee reports.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

7. REPORTS FROM STAFF

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:

TBD

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DRAFT MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING
Council Chamber
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

5:31PM

2. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

PRESENT: Raak, Murphy, Molle, Randazzo, Abraham-Panni and Del Valle
(joined meeting at 5:35).

3. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Raak: Introduced new member Timothy Randazzo, a CSUMB student.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public speaker - Timothy Randazzo: Introduced himself to the EC.

Public speaker - Jason Campbell: Thanked the EC for continuing to hold these meeting. Noted he was speaking as member of the public not representing the City Council (CC). Mentioned CC is working on Goal Setting meeting, part of which is Climate Change policy. Suggested that the EC could review the Climate Change policy and make any notes to CC.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from Feb 9, 2021

MOTION: Randazzo, Second: Molle, Unanimous

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. REVIEW AND DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL GOALS

Raak: Gave a brief introduction/ background on the CC goals. Went through the goals and pick out those that were identified that would have an impact on the EC: City Beautification, Commission Diversity Ord, Climate Action Plan, Low income Recycling, National Monument Access, Development and Planning Projects (Campus Town, GP). Goals developed during a retreat sessions back in December but are still being refined at the moment.

Staff Liaison Beth Rocha: Presented slide taken from City Manager's presentation on the CC goal-setting meeting. CC will be meeting to further develop these goals. Staff was not included in this process due to COVID. Staff will continue to track and provide updates.

Murphy: Has been participating in some of the discussions around ADU development and increasing housing. In those conversations many environmental related issues have come up around the idea of parking, and availability of parking. Related to transportation, increasing sustainability and accessibility to transportation in Seaside so that parking does not continue to be an issue and so that we see fewer individual cars.

Another issue is the idea of electrification, tied in with new developments. However, we don't see a similar focus on water infrastructure. Water is an issue in Seaside. We are not looking at progressive water re-use, grey water, pre-approved water designs for grey and rain water, composting toilets in ADUs and new development, cost and energy use reductions, areas that tie between EC and CC concerns identified.

Molle: Thanked above for her comments. Mentioned that Ben Nurse had discussed grey water at the ADU workshop Monterey water district about grey water, good next step for the commission. Low income targeted recycling. Can this be brought together with green commercial compost? How to connect the two?

Del Valle: Water infrastructure, any conversation of green infrastructure in regards to water? Has that been thought about within the City?

Tu: Would like to hear more on the low-income targeted recycling. Multifamily, past presentation.

Raak: Notes that multifamily will be the first categories impacted by composting requirements. Should target composting as well as recycling; look at waste diversion as a larger picture, not in targeted pieces. Bigger picture. Intersection. Can be lumped into different types of categories: youth, community support, community development, etc. Helpful for Cc to put in a format which the various committees and commission can understand what the CC priority is and will let the groups know what is important to the CC. Communicating the CC plans earlier so that EC can incorporate in their work plans for the upcoming year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jason Campbell: Special meeting CC on how the scheduling for the work plan will play out. Provide further direction for the up-coming year. Balance with priorities. Please attend the Special meeting at 5:30 for further information. Grant for UPPER Broadway, grant for safer routes to schools. Hoping to get it, not received yet. Green infrastructure: pay attention to surface drainage (detention basins). Low income recycling: important to use, waste management district does a breakdown of where waste is coming from. Real consequences if the city does get its recycling in order. Higher cost for garbage removed from recycling.

B. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND THE DRAFT PRIORITY IMPACT PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION POLICY FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Raak: Gave a brief introduction regarding the draft policy. Currently doing stakeholder outreach next step is EC review and approve to send to CC. Hope is to move this forward enough to send to Council later in the spring.

Ban on single use plastics 8.60.014: not just restaurants, dry cleaning bags, Styrofoam (not just take out, no sale of polystyrene products – cups, coolers, etc.), balloon limits, and information posters regarding balloons and balloon disposal at places that sell balloons, no plastic water bottles at City events.

This does not detail the fine levels, it more about education. Helping businesses work to become compliant, work with Staff or EC and identify solutions.

Is this timely; is this the right thing to do right now? Businesses struggling with COVID?

1. 250% INCREASE IN SINGLE USE TO GO WARE

2. STATE LAWS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENFORCED, OUR REVISIONS ARE MEANT TO COMPLIANT STATE POLICY.
3. IF THEY CAN MEET THE POLICY FOR SEASIDE THEN THEY CAN MEET IT FOR THE STATE.
4. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IS BETTER THAN IT WAS LAST YEAR. EXPECTING TO RECEIVE MORE FEDERAL AND STATE SUPPORT THAT WILL HELP OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY.
5. SUPPORT EXISTING STYROFOAM POLICY, EXPANDS TO SINGLE USE PLASTICS. PLASTICS CONTINUE TO BE MORE LIMITED: ONLY RECYCLE 1,2 AND 5. MANY BUSINESSES ARE ALREADY OUT OF COMPLAINT.
- a. POLICY WILL HELP TO ENSURE WE MEET REQUIREMENTS

How do we support businesses in Seaside?

- Implementing long timeframe.
- Enhanced customer responsibility
 - Change the default expectation
 - Request money for transitional support
 - County is implementing green business network
 - 500 \$ grants for businesses
 - Request 10,000, 80% go towards grants given to businesses to support them through the transition
 - Remaining 20% for signage, articles, and advertisements.
 - Delivery charge: PG just passed limitation to surcharges of 15%, Seaside should adopt a similar policy.
 - Partnerships for implementation:
 - Greenwaste, litter in storm water, education and outreach.

Gave a few examples of posters, which could be sent to businesses for them to post at their restaurants regarding napkins and condiments packages.

Asked if there were any additional changes in light of new circumstances?
 Wanted to acknowledge Del Valle's environmental justice aspects that were added.

Commission needs to do discuss, better define language especially for the outreach materials, bring back revisions at a later meeting then recommend and move it along to Council.

Molle: Great time for a paradigm shift. Due to COVID take out and to go orders are generally being eaten at home. Bring your own is really at a peak right now. Much of what we want to change is the consumer attitude. Likes the grant funds idea. Like the idea of the surcharge limit, hesitant to hang that onto the EC proposal – not sure how related the surcharge is to plastics.

Murphy: Thinks EC needs to make a clear connection for the environ policy and the door dash surcharge. How do they fit together? Generally supports all of the topics and is supportive of adding the environmental justice aspect language. Wants to set the tone of guiding people and businesses, not looking to be punitive.

Tu: Question on timeline extension: what is the time period at which you think that businesses would need to comply with these policies? **Raak:** Proposed to be between 6 to 9 months. Happy to take recommendations.

Tu: Not ready to give recommendation on timeframe. Wants more details on how to support small businesses in regards to environmental justice? How does a small business owns by communities of color, how the policy affect them. Maybe does not directly relate to Envir. Justice?

Del Valle: Elaborated on the Envir. Justice aspect of the Policy: Intro recognizes the connection between Environ Justice and small businesses and the connection between petroleum industry and how that is affecting communities of color. Goes beyond litter, goes beyond harming the environment, really harms those communities.

Murphy: Advocated supporting the grant program, in an equitable way to locally owner businesses, then maybe even considering demographics.

Del Valle: How can we best support the community, need to consider that all info is available is different language. Language justice.

Raak: Supported Del Valles statement: Good point for the policy, implementation of policy, and for the grants themselves.

Tu: Needs to be done in way that supports our small businesses. How would limiting balloons affect businesses bottom lines; especially for variety businesses. Encourage EC to relax policies for businesses

Raak: less worried about balloons, more concerned about Styrofoam. Balloons are more about education, not banning them. Happy to have Tu review the policy to incorporate relaxed policies for small businesses. Small change to existing ordinance: Little Ordinance (a complementary component) 8.28.030 and 8.28.070.

Adds clarification defining compostable.

Requires businesses/property managers to collect litter from parking lot, sidewalk and street fronts at least once a day. Supports state requirements.

Knows that litter is not just caused by the businesses, really it is customers.

Molle: Tragedy of the commons, need to clearly state who is responsible to keep the area clean.

Raak: Some businesses already do implement these policies: in and out. Challenges with something like this, in an area such as buffalo wild wings, chase bank, that parking lot is shared a number of different businesses, with one garbage area. Why property managers was included. Is it just the property manager who hires someone or each business is responsible for a certain area. Invited comments from Commission.

Murphy: This would apply to all businesses. Yes. Makes sense for the responsibility be placed on the property owner, responsibility may be transferred to a property manager once a place is rented.

Abraham-Panni: Make sense for property owner to be in charge. Optics and operations, makes sense that we are asking to do this, And yet this could come across as piling on to businesses which are already understaffed. Shared parking lots, not sure every leasee would consider the parking lot theirs. Really the property owner would be responsible. Don't really have a compliance staff to address non-compliant businesses. As such, agrees with Murphy's suggestions.

Raak: Liked the comments given so far. Yes no staff for enforcement but does provide clear direction if things do become an issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jason Campbell: Gave disclaimer. Litter abatement (supportive of moving forward), plastics (also supportive). Supportive and listening.

Timothy Randazzo: All really amazing. Wants to support businesses while going through this transition, really should focus on the customer. EC has the opportunity to really amp up the education aspect of the transition, resources for public, resources for businesses. Litter Ord.: would like to see follow up on dialog. Does think that businesses should be responsible, they are there and see what is going on.

Carolyn Hinman:

Customer responsibility, lots of pieces of legislation which is moving forward which ABA 27: responsibility goes on customers. It does make sense for City to adopt these policies since the state is heading this way already.

Raak: Thanked for comments. Vote on EC to move forward with discussing and implementing the following: use your own language, env justice, food service delivery surcharge. Statistics about how much money businesses can save if

implementing greener practices. Find more incentive. What will it look like in the long run. Fiscal impacts.

Raak:

EC will discuss and develop the language. If EC has comments the help inform the revisions. Please send via email and she will share with the subcommittee.

County- are people allowed to bring their own re-useable containers given new health code requirements? It is up to each individual business, would need to follow state requirements. Still legal and still possible, though most businesses are not doing it right now.

Entertain any motions – use your own and language around that, enviro justice, food service delivery surcharge limitations.

MOTION: Molle: subcommittee to consider and add language regarding the following: use your own and language around that, enviro justice, food service delivery surcharge limitations, second by **Murphy**. Unanimous.

C. CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

RAAK: Gave updates on city and regional. Gave an update on the County's policies. HAD RFP go out. Scope development period (March), coordination with jurisdiction action plans would occur here. 3 areas which would be useful:

- inventory: might be able to get from AMBAG
- stakeholder engagement: would be great
- reduction strategies: proposed strategies which would be useful to and impact the City

Would cost saving option to work off this list of County policies.

Tried to get an idea of costs: 30-40k, depending on AMBAG. Key component is staff time. Is there staff to support the project: people or time? Don't want to lose out on working with County because could be a big \$ saver.

Understanding the difference between sustainability plan vs a climate action plan. Not a ceqa expert. Some jurisdictions have ceqa compliant sustainability plans...might be something to do. Sustainability plan might not have as much technical info but might have other polices which might support habitat or water. It would be much broader than a climate action plan which is focuses on green house gas reduction. Would be good to inform council on the difference and get guidance from them.

D. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Staff Liaison Beth Rocha: Already reviewed and approved by EC, but not decided on by Council. Main point of discussion would be whether or not we want to include any additional items in the work plan. Open to other suggestions and input from EC.

Raak:

Feels like EC has already discussed this, EC is already tackling. Would like to better understand CC priorities to better focus the ECs.

Murphy:

Identify strategic environ goals for the City. We have already done this and have goal and plan set up. Don't think the EC needs to formalize changes to the work plan. Already working on goals.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Campbell: Work plan looks good. GP update is coming. This does have some environmental consequences. Would appreciate the EC taking a look at the next available draft of the GP.

E. ELECTRIFICATION AND SEASIDE DEVELOPMENTS (Discussed after Item G)

Reached out to CC about integrating electrification into the campus town project. Not currently incorporated, just language encouraging it. It will still be using natural gas. Disappointing, we should really be thinking forward regarding the energy use of large new development like this. It is a missed opportunity: will become outdate. Very much like using a pager in the age of cell phones.

Molle: Thought that was a state requirement for electric?

Raak: Does not seem that campus town was require to comply, not sure as to the detail as to why it is exempt.

F. CONSIDER ALLOCATING \$350 OF THE COMMISSION'S BUDGET FOR PRINTING FLYERS FOR RESTAURANT OUTREACH, AS RELATED TO PLASTIC REDUCTION

Raak: Request to allocate part of EC budget, about \$500 remaining, on signage for restaurants. Available in multiple languages. Showed two signs that would provided to businesses. 75 printouts : \$350 at kinkos on FSC paper. Then distribute to businesses.

Will need support from the EC to distribute.

Molle: Supportive of it, surprised at cost. Would be happy to help distribute.

Staff Liaison Beth Rocha:Reminder the past few quarters CSUMB was working on something similar, but it got delayed due to COVID.

Murphy: Recommended doing a double-sided sign, one side English other Spanish. Supports action to move this forward. Think this would be a good allocation of funds.

Raak: Invited input from the EC on the design of the signage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason: Does not like the use of the word "NO", might be a better way to spin it. Make it more positive.

Raak: Provided clarification on the placement of the NO sign. The NO sign would only be viewable to the workers, not meant for the public.

Timothy: Might be better to have a draft that is in English and then one in Spanish. Does agree that it should a double-sided piece of paper with English on one side and the other in Spanish.

MOTION: Abraham-Panni: Moved to approve as proposed, second **Murphy:** Unanimous.

G. REQUEST EC MEMBER ATTEND THE NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Beth: Gave a brief presentation on why an EC member is needed at the NIC, NIC has \$ from cannabis and EC could request funding from said Cannabis toward EC projects. Would be willing to attend the IC meeting on behalf of the EC, but needs direction on where the EC thinks the funds should be allocated

Raak: Requested Beth to send out email to EC identifying the next NIC meeting and request for ideas from the EC.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Murphy: Habitat subcommittee – communication with various groups. Parks and Rec, sustainable seaside (funding remaining, steward Lincoln Cunningham park, pollinators. Salsa: plantings, signage about pollinators, in addition to the Bee City USA, collaborative opportunities. Stewardship continues at all sites. Time for weeding! Please feel free to pitch in.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Beth: City USA signs are up.

Raak: Thanked EC for their time, keep an eye for an email regarding special meeting for the plastics Ord.

7:24 pm: meeting concluded.



DRAFT MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

MEETING

Council Chamber

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

5:32PM

2. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

PRESENT: Raak, Murphy, Randazzo, Tu, Del Valle, Panni

ABSENT: Molle

3. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public speaker – Diane Nielson: Expressed that she was happy for the ability to use Zoom as an option for participation in the meeting. Thanked the EC for their service.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. UPDATE ON PIP4, INCLUDING TIMELINE AND COMMENTS ON MYLAR BALLOONS, OUTREACH PLAN AND POSTER DELIVERY

EC discussed proposed code, led by Chair **Raak**.

Staff Liaison Rocha (had connection issues, rejoined meeting): Made comment that Becky Johnson is automatically propagated – there is no new member of the EC. Stated that the City Clerk would look into the issue. Clarified that minutes from March 9, 2021 meeting will be in the next meeting packet.

Raak presented PIP4 proposed code and outreach plan. Showed the proposed signs/posters. Posters have been finalized; **Staff Liaison Rocha** is working on printing. Will need EC members' help to distribute. Clarified the history of the project to Committee Member Randazzo.

Related to the PIP4 policy still being adopted, shared a comment received from public regarding mylar balloons. City Council received a presentation on AB1383, info on fact the city will need to update regulations to support composting. Has reached out to the representative who made to presentation, wanting to ensure that the PIP4 policies are in the line and incorporate with the required regulations. Will update committee when she hears back.

De Valle update Committee on Washington's new Bill; plastics and recycling bill. Language "available upon request", they have changed the language "upon customer affirmation". Online platforms require a button for customers to click, they do not have the option to request or not request. Door Dash tried to get exempt from the bill. Thought EC might interested in adopting the affirmation language.

Tu thanked De Valle for presenting that info. Recommend adding the affirmation language rather than substituting it for upon request. Adding, not replacing.

Murphy agrees

Randazzo agrees, it is more inclusive. Also recommended adding language explaining what they mean by customer affirmation, so people know what it is

Panni agrees with all. Think about whether we define what it means. Might be too much information for the code. Do not want to go beyond the Committees purview. Maybe it is just the EC adding a definition.

Randazzo clarified that he did want it added as a definition, not necessarily in the code/policy itself.

Raak clarified regarding delivery services and the EC plan to work with them. However, EC can shift this based on the information, which Del Valle found, which sets a precedent.

Randazzo thought EC had been talking more about surcharges through apps. More technical about the app itself. Thinks the added affirmation language

highlights how they are also responsible for providing options to help stop the use of plastics in the community.

Raak did not recall anything about surcharges. Was something EC could recommend Council to do on their own; was part of the staff report, not the policy itself.

MOTION - Panni moved to revise code change to read, "unless requested (or affirmed) by the customer"

SECOND – Randazzo

VOTE –

AYES: **Raak, Murphy, Randazzo, Tu, Del Valle, Panni**

NOES: None

ABSENT: **Molle**

Randazzo made a motion to add a policy recommendation to restrict the distribution of mylar balloons.

Raak asked for clarification on the motion.

Murphy clarified that PG&E has reached out via email that there was interested in working with the EC to promote consumer awareness about mylar balloons, along with the EC efforts. Does not seem to result in the need to specifically call out mylar in the policy.

Raak confirmed that the information stated by **Murphy** was correct

Randazzo rescinded his motion.

Raak talked about outreach and implementation. Important to dedicate funds towards implementing this policy. Otherwise, it will not go anywhere (will just sit on shelf). Suggestions of approaches will save some this info for the budget discussion later. However, wants the EC to be aware that, in regards to this policy, the EC should consider supporting funds for implementation such as; a resource guide, virtual outreach, technical assistance, partner agency coordination.

Staff Liaison Rocha spoke regarding the timeline for moving the Policy forward to Council for first reading. Depends greatly on Council workload; there are other policy/ordinance updates which were specifically requested which are also moving forward. However, will work to get the item on the Council agenda. Most likely the first reading would be likely to occur in around 2 months. Possibly August for implementation.

Raak aim for January 1, 2022 to be the date that business compliance as part of the PIP4. The later the Council meeting occurs means less time to work with businesses before the policy becomes effective. The earlier the better.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

B. BUDGET REQUEST PROPOSAL – DISCUSS RECOMMENDED BUDGET ITEM REQUESTS

Raak introduced item. City fiscal budget is happening soon and want to makes sure that the group discusses and reviews budget amount request for the EC and EC project; project specific requests, and base budget requests. \$2500 is the suggested base budget. EC received ~\$500 in 2020. Listed two projects PIP4 and Climate, asked what other project budget requests EC might make.

Tu recommended the following

- Guide/poster on how small businesses can get information (especially cost) on composting and recycling is Seaside. Funding and financing for building updates such as HVAC, etc. Can easily be turned into a webpage. Can making a webpage be part of the City's general IT budget, or does EC need to make it a line item in their budget request?

Staff Liaison Rocha stated that it should fall under the IT budget, but is more about whether there is capacity in house to do it. Will follow up on this.

Randazzo noted that there is another potential funding request coming from the Green Economic Recovery Subcommittee regarding a project they are developing; the will be updating the EC on this later in the meeting. Subcommittee is looking to create a farmer's market/community fair. Feels like this is something which EC should allocated a budget for; subcommittee is still working on the specific \$ amount.

Murphy update on Habitat subcommittee which needs some miscellaneous funds, probably around \$250 (supply needs); future habitat project needs are much is beyond the scope of the EC's budget. Would be nice to have some miscellaneous funds, the \$250 recommended. Could come from the base budget rather than a special project request; for miscellaneous supply needs as they come up.

Staff Liaison Rocha suggested having a meeting once EC knows their budget, can then meet to earmark the funds towards certain project/miscellaneous funds, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

C. SB 1 UPDATE

Panni presented on SB-1. Article in San Diego Union Tribune – SB-1 would allocate \$100 mil for governments to develop sea level rise planning. Still speculative, would require a bond measure...so, a ways off. However, if adopted funds could be available to Seaside. Priority of funding goes to Cities already developing such programs/policies; cities that have Local Climate Adaptation Planning. Wanted to make sure that Seaside was aware of this funding. Also, to be aware of sea level rise in general...start taking action. These types of policies take time to be adopted and implemented. If other cities on the Peninsula armor their coasts it could negatively impact Seaside. Thinks it is a good idea for Seaside to stay abreast with their neighbors.

Murphy supportive of drafting a memo to the City Council regarding this. Or talk to the City Council EC liaison.

Tu thanked **Panni** for bringing it to EC's attention. Potential funding can be used for planning and implementation; potential resource for Seaside finally getting its own Climate Action Plan (CAP). Agrees that Seaside should work with its neighbors.

Randazzo also thanked **Panni** and agrees that Seaside should keep pace with its neighbors.

Raak made comment that sending a memo as **Murphy** suggested could add to staff load, which is tight already.

Panni reiterated her concern that those cities with work already put towards sea level rise planning get priority for the potential funding. Could hurt Seaside to do nothing. Likes **Tu's** idea of working with the Peninsula – move us forward as a region. A joint effort with Coastal Cities in Monterey. Share the burden of work with other Cities.

Randazzo agreed that working as a region would be useful. Wondered if funding for a CAP counts as progress? Had a question regarding the priority rating language in the proposal; seems to be an equity issue? Language unclear. **Tu** agrees that the language needs clarification. Suggested sending a letter to bill authors regarding equity issues and funding.

Del Valle agreed with **Panni** that we need to proactive, does not have any particular suggestions. Agrees with **Tu**, and **Randazzo** that there seems to be an equity issue. How will this impact lower income cities and populations? Likes **Randazzo**'s idea of getting started on implementing a CAP for Seaside.

Panni recapped actions:

- Integrate with County's CAP → follow up on it
- Reach out to bill authors
- Engage with neighbors on specific question of sea level rise. Monterey and Marina specifically. This is something we can do sooner rather than later; does not need a CAP to start doing this.

Staff Liaison Rocha suggested drafting memo to Council to request any information or communications, which have been shared between Seaside and its neighboring jurisdictions.

Tu suggested just talking with Council; questioned whether a memo necessary?

Staff Liaison Rocha suggested having a discussion with Council Liaison Campbell.

Panni agreed that reaching out to the Council Liaison would be the best next step.

Staff Liaison Rocha mentioned that she would reach out to AMBAG as well.

Del Valle happy to help with the effort.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

D. OVERVIEW OF WEBINAR: PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE CENTRAL COAST SUMMIT

Associate Planner Morrison gave a presentation recapping the Summit.

Tu thanked staff for the presentation. Wondering if the County is planning to update their Safety Element of the General Plan, to incorporate Climate Adaptation Policy? Related to that SB 379 which requires local jurisdictions to update their safety element by 2022.

Associate Planner Morrison noted that they are updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan, not sure if this is part of their overall Safety Element or not. The

County Safety Element and the deadlines for adopting those (related to SB 379) were not discussed at the summit.

Raak noted that multi-jurisdictional staff member is something the EC can advocate for and support. Such a staff member would be good approach to getting a regional response to sea-level rise and climate change; someone who has an overarching view of the region.

Tu clarified more on SB 379. Asked a 2nd questions related to added capacity through Civic Spark; whether the City is looking to expand its internships?

City Clerk Davis noted that she was not aware of anything related to City internships, but that should would look into it.

Raak asked staff for an update on the status of the General Plan update.

Staff Liaison Rocha noted that a budget was approved by Council to complete the General Plan work. Staff is not currently looping into those discussions, but have been told that the General Plan update is expected to be completed this year.

Raak 3CE have grants to help support staff to develop Electrification Ordinances; something, which Seaside does not have. Asked if **Staff Liaison Rocha** has any updates on this?

Staff Liaison Rocha mentioned that she had passed the information along to the Building Official and has not had a response yet. Will also reach out to Council Member Campbell.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Tu provided update on the Green Economic Recovery Subcommittee. Idea to hold a Farmer's Market/Community Fair. Learn from Seaside's past attempts at getting a Farmer's Market going which was not successful. Very similar to what Monterey is doing; would create a venue for small business owners and local artists. Could really help small businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID. Good time to explore it now, it is still in the researching phase but wanted to share with EC to get initial feedback.

Randazzo gave preliminary details on time + Location. Were thinking bi-weekly or monthly. Hoping to get started in August. Potential locations: On Broadway between Terrace and San Lucas, City Hall Parking Lot. Could use Everyone's Harvest (which is what Monterey Farmer's Market uses) – they handle the

vendors' applications and handle all of the logistics, which could be helpful to the City. Have reached out them.

Murphy gave some background on the failed Farmer's Market. Glad that they have reached out to Everyone's Harvest. Agrees that having it bi-weekly or monthly, not once a week like the original Farmer's Market. Getting businesses and the community involved is important.

Randazzo thanked Murphy for her comments. Noted that subcommittee was looking to encourage more Seaside businesses. Everyone's Harvest has their own vendors. Want to create something a bit more inclusive. More planning is still needed.

Del Valle noted that EH before they stopped doing the FM. One of the things they look for is vendors with healthier options (hesitancy on using local business that do not have these healthy options); just wanted to give a heads up to the subcommittee on this.

Murphy noted it would be opportunity to encourage active transportation, walking, biking, etc.

Raak likes the idea of a community event especially if focus is on welcoming people to the Seaside economy. Supporting local businesses. Added side bonus would be to show how to hold a sustainable event. Really thinks it should be promote as a community event. Thinks it would be a welcome treat; could be a one-time event. Perhaps once a month during the summer months? Takes the pressure off needing to maintain attendance through fall and winter months. Suggested incorporating a culinary tour of Seaside's food options; this has been discussed before. Should definitely provide compostable ware. Should be flexible given COVID and its uncertainty.

Randazzo thanked EC for their comments. Added that it would be great introduction for new students coming back for school. Could be good to cater to this aspect.

Panni noted that past events, which brought in massive amounts of people (like tree lighting, fireworks, etc.) were successful and it was so sad that the Farmer's Market was not successful. Suggested that EC should contact whomever in the City was in charge of those events and have the EC work to help make those events more sustainable (get rid of the plastics, not styrofoam and then have some booths with environmental information or EC stickers of approval). People will not want to attend a climate event, but they would like a blues festival that is sustainable.

Staff Liaison Rocha in addition to looking at an event would be good to see what other collaborations EC could do. Create a list or map of businesses in the City (based on demographics, people with kids or new college students). Where is good food, booze, cannabis, etc. in Seaside? Could pair up with when the EC goes to handing out the PIP4 posters; also inquire if they are interested as being put on list to be added to this map. Opportunity to generate some interest in Seaside beyond one event.

Tu thanked EC for their comments.

Randazzo thanked **Staff Liaison Rocha** for idea about pamphlet. Is something subcommittee could look into, related or separate from the Farmer's Market/Community Fair.

Murphy noted that the Habitat Subcommittee has been working with Rec department. Has been hosting a weekly park clean up and pollinator habitat maintenance event; rotates through all of the parks. Invites everyone to share these events with the Community.

Other updates on Habitat Subcommittee:

- Sustainable Seaside Earth Day event, weekend after Earth day. Broadway. Free pollinator plants for anyone who purchases tomatoes.
- Discussions regarding hosting a biking park tour instead of sustainable living tour – dependent on COVID
- Will have updates regarding Parks and Rec after their meeting has occurred. Tree planting will not take place until autumn of next year.

Raak noted that the Highland/Otis park cleanup would be happening this upcoming weekend, Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 10:00am-Noon. Encourage Committee members to attend, if possible.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Dominique Davis, the new City Clerk, introduced herself to EC. Excited to work with EC.

Raak wanted to propose that the EC discuss their current meeting schedule at the next EC meeting (July 13). Currently meets quarterly but want to consider moving to monthly meetings.

Tu agreed it would be helpful to meet before the Council budget discussions.

Staff Liaison Rocha stated that scheduling a Special Meeting should not be a problem, but would follow up with City Clerk Davis and let the Committee know.

7:42 pm: meeting concluded.