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CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

MEETING
440 Harcourt Avenue (Council Chamber)
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
5:30 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR COMMISSIONS**

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5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2023**

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **PRESENTATION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATIONS REGARDING BUSINESS OUTREACH EFFORTS**

B. **REVIEW THE DRAFT ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND VOTE TO APPROVE**

7. **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

8. **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Environmental Commission
Annual Work Plan

Looking Ahead: FY 2023-2024

Reviewing Accomplishments: FY 2022-2023

Kristin Molle: Chair

Michelle Overmeyer: Vice Chair

Miguel Alvarado

Mariana Del Valle

Emily Gottlieb

Laura Murphy

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Mission Statement

The Environmental Commission investigates and advocates sound environmental policy and action in the areas of air quality, water quality, energy and waste management, flora and fauna protection and community planning.

General Duties

The Environmental Commission shall conduct public hearings and prepare recommendations to the City Council on matters regarding the environment to include without limitation unless otherwise noted:

- Review and comment on City ordinances, policies and programs, and state mandates related to: environmental regulations; risks and pollution abatement; clean water; air and energy; flora, fauna and biome protection; and community planning topics expressly beyond the realm of the Planning Commission.
- Serve in advisory capacity to the City Council, commissions, committees, and boards on related issues.
- Identify strategic environmental goals for the City and estimate resources needed to accomplish these goals, including investigating funding for programs that will benefit the community.
- Develop policies and plans for increasing environmental awareness and stewardship, in cooperation with other public and private agencies including school districts.

Responsibilities

The Environmental Commission shall:

- Meet not less than six times a year, with subcommittee work occurring during off-meeting months; and
- Monitor the City's progress and comply with principles established in Resolution 17-47; and
- Prepare an annual recommended work plan to the City Council no later than three months in advance of each fiscal year; and

Fiscal Year Work Plan

1. **Support Effective Implementation of the Priority Impact Plastic Pollution Prevention Policy (PIP4) (Chapter 8.60 of Municipal Code), with outreach conducted by Environmental Innovations**

a. Follow up with every food facility at least a second time to provide compliance assistance
b. Meet district managers for fast food restaurants and chains
c. Collaborate with stakeholders (non-profit, business)
d. Include culturally appropriate outreach and with Spanish translation

2. **Planning and Infrastructure**
    a. Collaborate with city staff in development of a comprehensive Climate Action Plan.
    b. Review and comments on relevant water conservation, utilization and infrastructure, including water pollution prevention projects and proposals

3. **Habitat (Flora, fauna and biome protection)**
    a. Pollinator Protection
        i. Increase education and awareness of pollinator habitats in various Seaside parks cared for by members of the Environmental Commission, Friends of Seaside Parks Association, and Sustainable Seaside.
        ii. Continue to meet the obligations of Seaside's designation as a BEE CITY USA Affiliate and prepare for filing a renewal application.
    b. Trees
        i. Review existing tree policies and make recommendations to better support community and habitat health.
        ii. Research historic tree cover and explore potential justice and equity considerations.

4. **Directly Connect the Work of the Environmental Commission to People**
    a. Engage thoughtfully with all community members, including persons of color and/or economically disadvantaged persons.
    b. Collaborate with other committees and commission to align efforts and improve communication and collaboration

5. **Integrate Sustainability into Existing Events**

Subcommittees: (TBD)

Administrative Considerations:

- Request a meeting with all community/commissions to share work plans and identify areas of mutual interest or collaboration
- Have EC members attend meetings of other commissions/committees
- Anticipate and prepare for grant opportunities with staff

Background and Progress:

In 2018, the City Council approved the creation of the Environmental Committee. Once the committee was fully formed, their duties and responsibilities approved, the city proposed an ordinance to codify the committee, including the creation, composition, term and duties into the Municipal Code in perpetuity. The draft ordinance was introduced at the May 2, 2019 Regular City Council meeting and there was concern that more input was needed from the Commissions directly regarding the expansion as well as the naming of the commissions. The proposed draft was passed to print at the October 17, 2019 City Council meeting and the Environmental Committee became the Environmental Commission.

During 2022-2023, the Environmental Commission made progress and achievements related to the following:

- PIP4 business outreach conducted by Environmental Innovations
    - Incorporated some adjustments for COVID
    - Included funding to initiate outreach and engagement, the consultant team has provided great value and effective implementation efforts
    - Collaboration with stakeholders (non-profit, business,)
    - Outreach was culturally appropriate and included Spanish translation

- Saturday Park Work Days
    - Provided incredible value for both habitat improvement and community building.
    - Collaboration with Blue Zones
    - City Support from Facilities
    - Continuing to meet Bee City requirements