



AGENDA
CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMISSION

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Kristin Molle Chair
Michelle Overmeyer Vice-Chair
Miguel Alvarado Commissioner

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

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5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM THE MONTEREY REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (MRSWMP) REGARDING RESULTS FROM A 20-YEAR TREND ANALYSIS OF FIRST FLUSH OUTFALL MONITORING DATA

B. DISCUSS THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. DISCUSS UPCOMING AND APPROVED STATE BILLS RELATED TO THE SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

7. REPORTS FROM STAFF

This is a time specifically set aside for the Staff Liaison to provide updates on non-agendized requests from the Commission, and to provide brief information on topics under the purview of the Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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August 8, 2023
5:30 PM

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CITY OF SEASIDE STAFF REPORT

Item No.: 5.B.

TO: Environmental Committee

BY: Beth Rocha, Senior Planner

DATE: July 11, 2023

**SUBJECT: DISCUSS THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND TASKS TO BE
UNDERTAKEN TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the annual work plan and tasks to be worked on to achieve objectives.

BACKGROUND

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Final Environmental Commission Annual Work Plan 2023_1
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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

Laura Murphy

Emily Gottlieb

Mariana Del Valle

Miguel Alvarado

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant: Student

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; 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.

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, such as information about incentives, grants, and partnerships.
- b. Meet district managers for fast food restaurants and chains
- c. Collaborate with stakeholders (non-profit, business)
- d. Include culturally appropriate outreach, including Spanish translation for published materials.
- e. Advocate for allocation of City funds toward this program.

2. Support an Active Transportation Network

- a. Continue to advocate for the City to adopt a Draft General Plan including an Active Transportation Plan, including concepts such as but not limited to:
 - i. Bus and bike lanes,
 - ii. Road diets,
 - iii. First mile/last mile transportation plan,
 - iv. Docked and dockless e-bike and micro mobility solutions at key activity nodes.
- b. Support developing a dynamic pricing plan for parking in the Broadway corridor as a pilot program

3. Planning and Infrastructure

- a. Collaborate with city staff in development of a comprehensive Climate Action Plan.
- b. Review and provide comments on water conservation, utilization and infrastructure, including water pollution prevention, and other projects and proposals related to the general duties of this commission.
- c. Track policies and available funding for public Electric Vehicle charging stations.

4. Habitat (Flora, fauna and biome protection)

a. Pollinator Protection

- i. Increase education and awareness of pollinator habitats in Seaside parks cared for by volunteer members of Friends of Seaside Parks Association, Sustainable Seaside, and other community groups, by:
 1. Responding to community member requests for information,
 2. Representing this subject at EC meetings via Commissioner Reports.

b. BEE CITY USA

- i. Continue to meet the obligations of Seaside's designation as a BEE CITY USA Affiliate, including:
 1. Communicating with nonprofit partners to obtain necessary information about activities and accomplishments,
 2. Assisting city staff to complete the annual report,
 3. Preparing to file the annual renewal application.

c. Trees

- i. Assist the Parks and Recreation Commission in their responsibilities and efforts to support environmentally sound policies and programs related to trees within our community, by:
 1. Maintaining a working-relationship with the Parks and Recreation Commission,
 2. Attending Parks and Recreation meetings as appropriate,
 3. Providing comments on relevant subjects,
 4. Sharing information from these meetings via Commissioner Reports, to develop action items as necessary.
- ii. Identify consultant, student, or other suitable entity to research historic tree cover and explore potential justice and equity considerations in the first quarter of the fiscal year. Aim to incorporate findings in relevant agenized items.
- iii. Review and update existing tree policies to better support community and habitat health. Present recommendations on tree policy updates to City Council by end of calendar year.

5. Directly Connect the Work of the Environmental Commission to People

- a. Engage thoughtfully with BIPOC community members that demographically represent our community.
- b. Assist other commissions in their responsibilities and efforts to support environmentally sound policies and programs, by:
 - i. Attending other commission meetings as appropriate,
 - ii. Providing comments on relevant subjects,
 - iii. Sharing information from these meetings via Commissioner Reports, to develop action items as necessary.
- c. Promote at public events, and on Social Media Platforms, rebates and incentives including but not limited to:
 - i. Home energy,
 - ii. Residential / personal transportation.
- d. Identify underserved residential areas, such as Terrace West, Terrace East, and Olympia, and work to ensure equitable access to parks, open space, and natural resources.
- e. Encourage community participation and feedback by actively participating in community events.

6. Integrate Sustainability into Existing Events

Subcommittees: (TBD)

Administrative Considerations:

- Request a meeting with all commissions to share work plans and identify areas of mutual interest or collaboration.
- Have Environmental Commissioners 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 Project of Monterey County, as well as Friends of Seaside Parks Association, Sustainable Seaside, and other City Commissions.
- Engaged professional resources and brought additional recognition to the City of Seaside for environmental and community building initiatives. This was accomplished in part through external outreach events as provided by the Grizzly Corps Fellow hosted by the RCD of Monterey County, with partial funding from FOSPA and City of Seaside – presentation to council on 3/16/23.
- City Support from Facilities.
- Continuing to meet Bee City USA requirements.

❖ **Connecting**

- Cosponsored events with FOSPA, Sustainable Seaside, and Blue Zones Project. Including commissioner involvement cosponsoring Seaside City Earth Day celebration.
- Saw increased public participation thanks to remote meeting access.

❖ **Planning and Infrastructure**

- Reviewed initial stages of the Climate Action Plan development, reviewed examples of other communities elsewhere in the USA for examples of sustainability plans.