



A G E N D A

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENIRONTMENTAL COMMITTEE

MEETING
CITY HALL
440 Harcourt Avenue
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
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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5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the minutes be reviewed and approved.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. INTRODUCTION OF MADDY MAURER, THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE'S NEW STUDENT INTERN (CSUMB SERVICE LEARNING STUDENT)

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to introduce CSUMB student Maddy Maurer to the Committee and provide her with an opportunity to discuss her capstone project.

B. CAMPUS TOWN SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to present the Committee with an introduction to the Campus Town Specific Plan and the upcoming processes required for approval.

C. WORKING SESSION: PRIORITIZATION ITEMS, TASKS AND TIMELINES

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to define the top ranked priority, including tasks and objectives.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

A. LIME (BIKE/E-SCOOTER SHARE) UPDATE

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to provide the Committee with an update on the potential of Lime (bike and scooter-share) operating in Seaside.

B. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR MONTEREY COUNTY, GRANT UPDATE

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this item is to provide the Committee with an update on the CFMC Grant application.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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November 13, 2018
Seaside City Hall

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CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
Seaside City Hall

Tuesday, September 11, 2018
5:30PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:32pm.

2. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

PRESENT: Murphy, Wizard, Revelas, Coble, Raak

ABSENT: Abraham-Panni and Kristin Molle

3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Staff Liaison Rocha read Paul Oelfke's resignation letter, as requested by him.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2018**

Motion: To approve minutes.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW TO THE INTERSECTION OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Chairperson Raak provided a presentation on the topic. The UN Sustainable Development Goals were shared to illustrate how they're equally representative of environmental and social justice issues. She discussed: the difference between diversity, cultural competency, and equity and social justice; also, how the committee can create a space for all to engage; communicated that prioritizations, recommendations, and feedback, awareness be incorporated into the work.

B. **SINGLE USE PLASTICS RESOLUTIONS**

Staff Liaison Rocha suggested committee motion to move this item ahead in the agenda since Committee member Molle had not yet arrived.

Motioned: to move item ahead in agenda (was presented after item D.).
Vote: Unanimous approval.

Molle: Local communities are passing proposals/amendments to further limit use of plastic in their communities. I'd like for us to consider passing a similar resolution.

Raak: We can discuss this in the priorities discussion (Item E.).

C. STEPS TO DIVERT WASTE FROM LANDFILLS

Staff Liaison Rocha suggested committee motion to move this item ahead in the agenda since Committee member Molle had not yet arrived.

Motioned: to move item ahead in agenda (was presented after items D. and A.).

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Molle: China's policy took effect in Jan of 2018. We won't be able to recycle as much as we had in the past. Most of our recyclables were sent overseas for recycling, but certain types (1 and 2) are no longer being accepted for recycling. Monterey Regional WMD has a high quality bio-digester, which can break down environmentally friendly products. So, let's take a holistic look at the current organics recycling provided and increasing the use of organics recycling before we ban plastics.

Raak: This topic will also be further discussed with Item E.

Coble: What do you know about plastics incineration?

Molle: The plastic chemical would be released into the air, including additional carbon into the environment.

Public Comment:

Dan Fernandez, CSUMB faculty member: I support this. Let's encourage people to "bring their own" containers. Also, the idea of the trees...once the trees start fruiting, it can create a mess on the ground. How to deal with litter produced by trees? Also, how water will be provided for fruit trees, which require a lot.

D. FRUIT TREE PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES AND TRACKING/MAPPING OF FRUIT TREES IN THE CITY

Committee member Wizard shared his experience of walking around the city and noticing fruit trees in Seaside. Also, he met one homeowner who discussed with him the potential of using her property to grow fruit trees because access to fresh, organic fruit is needed in our community. The potential of creating a map of existing fruit trees in the city was discussed: how to start doing this?

Coble: CSUMB has a community farm. Is this what we discussed?

Wizard: The concept of the urban fruit forest was part of a larger proposal in the West Broadway Urban Village, currently being worked on by Gloria Stearns of Community Development for a grant application.

Raak: Regarding the farm at CSUMB, there's only a student-run garden.

Murphy: We should support the planting of fruit trees, but I think this concept is more related to community specific groups, but not that it be made a project of the Environmental Committee.

Revelas: I agree (with Murphy), that this work needs to be taken on by the community groups. We can stimulate interest through a news story or other outreach.

Raak: The committee supports the planting of fruit trees.

Public Comment:

Katherine Crockett: Does this involve planting new trees in parks and open areas or just mapping of existing trees?

Wizard: It depends on the will of the public at this point. I've had conversations with people who want to participate in these efforts.

Coble: I'd like to see us do both planting in city parks and community involvement.

Wizard: Recommends that we ask the city to explore where we might plant a couple of fruit trees for the public benefit and also how we provide outreach and sharing venues, informational handout to gauge the interest of the community (social media?)

Motion by Raak: Request that the City of Seaside support the public planting and harvesting of fruit trees in public spaces and conduct public outreach and sharing venues for those currently growing fruit trees, but this not become part of the committee's work plan.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Kristin Molle arrived at 6:02pm.

E. REVIEW THE OUTCOMES OF THE PRIORITY LIST CREATED AT THE AUGUST MEETING

Raak: We want community engagement and participation. The priority list was created at our last meeting of things we've discussed on the committee. We voted and ranked our priorities, along with participating members of the public. Next step: how do we start this work? Define what's included in priorities and tasks, which will be done by committee members who end up working on specific tasks. I'd like to hear the committee's comments on thoughts around what you'd like to work on/help nurture and what the topic means to you.

Molle: I want to make sure we and the community understands how we ranked these items, based on short-term vs long-term impacts and dedication/time required.

Wizard: Some of these items also have statutory limitations, like comment period of specific plans. I think we need to be realistic about the limitations of our committee and time-urgent issues.

Raak: I don't want for items to drop in priority for the "fires we need to put out," like EIR comments. The EC staff liaison can only do so much work. Also, announced class visiting us from CSUMB. She expressed desire to hear from students on potential projects with our Committee. Encouraged partnerships with CSUMB students.

Coble: After trash pick-u there is a lot of litter on the road. We need to make the collection company aware of this issue. I will call someone in the city to report this.

Public Comment:

Mariana DeLaValle: CSUMB resident, Seaside resident, aquarium and is available and interested in working with the committee and Sustainable Seaside.

Jessica: CSUMB students who like the fruit tree mapping and outreach/logo/sign idea as a potential capstone project.

Stephanie Wolf: Student. She expressed her excitement to hear about increasing food scrap collection in Seaside.

Katherine Crockett: A few comments about plastic pollution. Right now there's the plastic straw campaign that has traction. Sustainable Seaside is collaborating with the International School in Monterey as a community partner in conducting community outreach. Also effective for Seaside could be an "Adopt a Block" for litter clean-up in Seaside. She told how she refused Styrofoam containers from a Seaside restaurant and engaged in an interesting conversation, but this work also involves participation from the city and enforcement.

Continued staff discussion:

Wizard: There's a City of Seaside employee/student who is deeply involved in GIS (re. fruit tree planting/mapping). I believe her name is Jessie.

Dan Fernandez: Jessie Doyle is one of our graduate students and instructor and can definitely be involved in the mapping effort. I have 22 students who will decide upon their capstone projects soon, so there might be some continuation in their projects.

Molle: Our committee has a spot designated for a student, so if there's any interest...

Raak: Of all the topics, it seems like our waste issues involve many different parts, so I recommend we dissect these topics even further.

Wizard: Asked how priorities would be worked on, assigned, delegated.

Molle: having multiple committee members work on a topic would be best.

Staff Liaison Rocha: Suggested how to assign committee members to priority list items to have work accomplished between Environmental Committee meetings.

Molle: Named her preference: single-use plastics.

Wizard: We should be mindful of our capacity to spend time on working on committee-related tasks. Elaborated on potential layers of each item and associated complexity.

Raak: We are asking people to step up and it is going to take work. You don't have to, if you don't have the capacity but if you do, then let us know.

Molle: There is some low-hanging fruit. There are smaller and larger topics I can keep ushering.

Coble: Election season is occupying the time of many.

Staff Liason: asked Kristin Molle to share her experience in working with staff and the time commitment of the bee ordinance she had been working on with staff.

Molle: talked about her experience in working with staff. The time required has been pretty small. She elaborated on her experience.

Raak: Who can commit to work? Murphy: Yes, up to a couple hours per week. Commercial composting. Revelas: no, on vacation between now and next meeting. Bees and trees and composting. Wizard: Yes, limited, but can assist another committee member. Coble: Yes, I can put in some time and am interested in single-use and beekeeping. Molle: Yes, including meeting with businesses. Commercial composting. Raak: Suggested to work with Staff Liaison between now and next meeting to list next steps. To define the four topics, including: education and outreach, enforcement, policy review and recommendations.

Molle: Named Peninsula Plastics Coalition is a resource.

Motion: Move this item to the next agenda.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

8. REPORTS FROM STAFF

A. THE AGE OF CONSEQUENCES ANNOUNCEMENT

B. INFORMATION FROM THE CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY MONTEREY

C. COASTAL CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

(a)

Stephanie Wolfe

Jakob Method

Fabiola Larios

Emily Reynolds

(b)

Project Idea

Increasing food scraps collection in Seaside for residential or commercial areas. State law AB 1826 mandates businesses to compost based on the amount and type of waste produced. With plastic takeout ware being replaced with compostable or biodegradable materials, organic waste collection would allow these materials to be properly disposed. Additionally, fewer plastics are able to be recycled, increasing the importance of waste diversion to ensure the lifespan of the landfill.

- Curbside pick up for food scraps (residential)
 - Would require new bin design
 - (Depending on design) may require more pickup trucks
 - Increased routes? → increased route drivers?
- Food Scraps Pick up (commercial)
 - Selecting lots with multiple food/restaurant businesses to sign up for Organics to Energy Program
 - Talking with Greenwaste/MRWMD
- Getting a curbside bin at seaside farmer's markets
 - Good plan b if residential curbside bins are unattainable

(c)

Anticipated outcome

- Encourage businesses to collect food scraps
 - In regards to the mandated state laws AB 1826 Mandatory Commercial Organics and SB 1383 Climate Pollutant Bill.
- Encourage residents to compost using curbside pick up
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- Improved waste management
- Improved recycling methods
- Improved education on proper sorting criteria

(d)

Data Needs

- We could get data on the places there are in Seaside right now where people can take their compost
- Survey how many people really understand, or know, what composting is
- Ask commercial businesses if they would be interested in composting if there were a composting dumpster in the parking lot of their facility
- Get in touch with MRWMD to learn more about their Organics to Energy program and see if they would be interested in working with the City of Seaside

Financial Needs

- How much money the city of seaside is going to need to implement a composting program
 - Paying for the composting dumpsters that would be in commercial parking lots - how much is each dumpster?
 - Paying for the curbside composting bins that would be for residents?
 - Need for food scraps pail for residents for in their home
- Does it cost money for the City of Seaside to work with the Organics to Energy program?
- How much money we are going to need to do our capstone project
 - Fliers?
 - Other outreach materials