



MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
REGULAR MEETING
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 9th, 2019
5:30PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

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

PRESENT: Raak, Del Valle, Bala, Murphy, Abraham-Panni

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

-----Commissioners Molle and Del Valle Arrived 5:39-----

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 14th and June 11th 2019**

On motion by Del Valle and seconded by Abraham-Panni, minutes passed by a unanimous vote.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. PRESENTATION BY PLASTIC POLLUTION OUTREACH AND EDUCATION COORDINATOR WITH MONTEREY COUNTY AND CHAPTER COORDINATOR OF THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION - OCEAN FRIENDLY GARDENS PROGRAM OFFERINGS AND GOALS OVERVIEW TO DETERMINE WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW THEY CAN BEST BE UTILIZED FOR SEASIDE.

Rami Allard and Jimena from Surfrider presented an overview of the OFG program. They act as an agent of change to connect with local governments. Conservation, permeability and retention are the goals of OFG, achieved through community collaborations and "learning by doing." Resource: Watershed Approach Guidebooks by G3.

Molle: Seaside sits on former sand dune called Baywood, which is over-drained.
Abraham-Panni: work with Sustainable Seaside re. their sustainable tour

-----MOLLE ARRIVED 5:45-----

B. CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE LETTER REGARDING HOMELESSNESS CAMPING

Draft letter to be provided to the Homelessness Committee and others to be determined.

Abraham-Panni: suggested revisions to include biohazards

Molle: suggested addition of "remediation" required of environmental degradation.

Del Valle: suggested blended committee so Homelessness Committee considers environmental impacts of their suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cathy from Laguna Grande Court in Monterey. Many issues with use of the park, trash, lack of restrooms. Regional Parks has been asked to place Laguna Grande Park on strategic Plan. Fire is a concern due to overgrown plants and "campfires" by inhabitants. Interim solution is needed before women and children shelter is built.

Speaker 2: Similar to Ross encampment in Santa Cruz. Habitat management plan could refer to Laguna Grande as a "sensitive habitat."

Dianne Nielson: Make a recommendation of a specific area. Suggested City Hall which has police nearby. CDR and Laguna Grande is an entry to Seaside, so it shouldn't be there.

On motion by Abraham-Panni and seconded by Bala, passed by a unanimous vote.

C. MONARCH AND POLLINATOR HABITAT KIT FROM THE XERCES SOCIETY

SL Rocha provided brief overview of the plant "grant" and identifying sites to plant in October.

Murphy: will continue to work with FOSPA in identifying sites

Suggestions by committee members: library, city hall

To continue on September Agenda.

D. EPP SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE REGARDING CODE AMENDMENTS TO SEASIDE MUNICIPAL CODE 8.60

Overview provided by subcom. Technical review next step.

Molle: A fee isn't the way to go regarding balloons = buy the right to pollute?

Bala: suggested incentive vs. fee

Murphy: suggested signage at point of sale for balloons.

E. CONFIRMATION OF POINT OF CONTACTS FOR EC SUBCOMMITTEES/SPECIAL PROJECTS

SL Rocha asked for new volunteers for some of the upcoming EC "projects."

8. **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

A. POLLINATOR WEEK EVENT SYNOPSIS: Provided by Bala.

B. ANNOUNCEMENT: JULY IS PLASTIC FREE MONTH -

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>: Provided by Raak.

C. UPDATE FROM MEETING WITH EVERYONE'S HARVEST: Provided by Del Valle.

D. FRIENDS OF SEASIDE LIBRARY UPDATE: Provided by Bala.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

**A. CSUMB'S SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND DESIGN'S SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM
-SERVICE LEARNERS**

SL Rocha provided info regarding survey she completed that could lead to marketing/graphic design service learners.

-----Abraham-Panni out @ 7:40pm-----

10. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8PM.