



MINUTES

CITY OF SEASIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
Council Chamber
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
5:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

5:35 PM

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

PRESENT: Raak, Hawran, Abraham-Panni, Molle, Del Valle

3. **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cathy Rivera – Resident and Sustainable Seaside. Informed EC of Sustainable Seaside Initiatives:

1. "Sustainable Households" event hosted by Sustainable Pacific Grove will support discovery of more sustainable households.
2. "Climate Emergency Declaration" committee is forming to get template created regarding urgency to implement measures to mitigate climate change.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2019**

APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2019

Motioned by Molle, second by De La Valle. Unanimous approval.

-----Bala arrived 5:45-----

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **AN URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY (UGB) FOR SEASIDE -
PRESENTATION BY BILL WEIGLE**

Presentation of UGB for Seaside East. Concerns:

1. City of Seaside is planning on developing Seaside East, which could lead to a lot of tree removal
2. Density of housing might not be the best for the city

There are "many compelling reasons for UGB"

Public support can also influence city council members. Land use decisions are

the most important decisions we make regarding climate change.

EC Molle: Do you know of environmental guidelines for oak tree removal? A. Bill Weigle: The county is working on oak woodlands plan. FORA has an EIR out for a draft habitat management plan (HMP). It's my understanding that if FORA goes away without passing HMP, then each city has to mitigate removal within each city's boundaries. HMP would allow for replacement outside of city boundaries.

EC Raak: What's the proposed timeline for the proposed UGB ballot measure?

A. Weigle: Ballot is planned for next November, if council agrees. If not, then we need to gather signatures to have it placed on the ballot.

Public Comment: Kay Cline – first expressed hesitancy about the UGB, but said young people are getting more involved with climate change. Trees are the best mitigation to climate change. Let's wait for 20 years then decide if we build or save the open space. Visitors come here to hike because the trails don't turn to mud in winter because Seaside's soils drain quickly.

B. DRAFT PRIORITY IMPACT PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION POLICY REVIEW AND OUTREACH LETTER REVIEW

Committee discussion around changes to some definitions and formatting.

Public Comment: None.

C. POLLINATOR PLANTING UPDATE

Update provided by SL Rocha – Starts are being taken care of by Return of the Natives. Sustainable Seaside members hosting pot washing at RON for up-planting of plugs into 1gallon pots, which will take place at

Public Comment: Cathy Rivera – Visited RON and the plugs are at an ideal size, but some are larger and almost root bound. She hasn't found any free soil, but RON has pots.

EC Molle – Soil from MRWMD?

Raak – Who has been contacted for soil? A Cathy Rivera – Seaside Nursery.

D. DRAFT TREE SURVEY

SL Rocha – Presented draft tree survey, received input, and will continue to collaborate with EC Molle.

Public Comment: None.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

7:18PM