

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
November 28, 2022; 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Michelle Byars, Jacob Byrne, Richard McCann, Meg Slattery (Chair), Keara Tuso

Commissioner(s) Absent: John Johnston, Tom Rost

Council Liaison(s): Lucas Frerichs absent

Staff Liaison Present: Kerry Daane Loux, Sustainability Coordinator, Community Development & Sustainability

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1. **Call to Order:** 6:32 pm, by Chair M Slattery.
 2. **Approval of Agenda** – Moved by K Tuso, seconded by J Byrne Approved (5-0)
 3. **Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons**

R McCann noted that he sent informational materials and website links to the full Commission.

M Byars noted that a recent study has shown that plastics recycling is not effective. Staff noted that Commissioner appointments have been extended from completion in December to ending the following June. Therefore, Commissioners with terms that were previously ending December 31, 2022 are requested to remain on the NRC until the end of June 2023. All Commissioners agreed to extend their terms.

Staff also noted that Nayelie Quezada has resigned from the Commission, so J Byrne will become a regular member and the alternate member position is currently vacant.
 4. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.
 5. **Consent Calendar**
 - A. **July 25, 2022 Minutes**
 - B. **October 24, 2022 Minutes**
 - C. **Solid Waste Legislative Update**

No comments on the July and October 2022 minutes.

Items 5A and 5B were approved on a motion by R McCann, seconded by K Tuso (4-1-0, M Byars abstaining).

Item 5C was approved on a motion by J Byrne, seconded by R McCann (5-0).
 6. **Regular Items**
 - A. **Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Progress Update**

Staff noted that the Final Draft CAAP will be presented to City Council on December 6, 2022. The NRC will receive the Staff Report and other materials in advance of the meeting. There is no action requested at this time.

The Commission discussed the content of the proposed NRC letter for the beginning of the CAAP. Given that the letter does not need to be included in the Final Draft

CAAP, the NRC will wait to finalize the letter until the Final Draft is public, and prepare it for inclusion in the Final CAAP.

Liaisons from other Commissions present included Steve Streeter, Planning; Andrew Cullen, Utilities; Patricia Price, Open Space and Habitat; Jim Cramer, Tree; and Trisha Ramadoss, Utilities Advisory Committee.

B. Solid Waste Program Annual Update

Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator, presented an update on the City's solid waste programs.

Following the presentation, Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Many Commissioners commented on their appreciation for the thorough and engaging presentation.

J Byrne noted his interest in the outreach model that was shown.

M Slattery commented that she is interested in producer responsibility for recycling waste. She also asked if the City coordinates with community collection organizations such as the Night Market and Freedged.

C. Subcommittee Reports

Updates from Task-specific subcommittees, Monitoring subcommittees and Commission Liaisons.

Environmental Justice: K Tusso hopes to have something to share on draft EJ principles in early 2023.

Transportation Demand Management: J Byrne and M Slattery said that they will focus on developing an informational presentation to provide context and education about TDM to the NRC. This will be targeted for an upcoming meeting.

Parking Lot Shade 2x2 with Tree Commission: There is no update.

Monitoring subcommittees and Commission Liaisons did not have any reports.

7. Long Range Calendar

The Commission discussed the potential need for a special meeting in early January to discuss the CAAP, depending on City Council action at the December meeting. A motion to have a special meeting on January 9, 2023, only if needed, was made by M Byars, seconded by M Slattery, and approved unanimously (5-0)

8. Adjourn: 8:42 p.m.