

Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
July 23, 2012

Commissioners:

Present: Dean Newberry (Chair); Eugene Wilson (Vice Chair), Clifton McFarland, William Shapiro, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, Jill Baty, and Ben Bourne (Alternate).

Absent: Planning Commission Liaison (vacant)

Staff: Jacques DeBra, NRC Liaison

Council Liaison: None

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve passed, AYES 7-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Amend Item 10 to reflect initial motion failed by 6-1 vote, subsequently approved via substitute motion. Motion to approve June 25 Minutes passed, AYES 7-0

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Staff announcements: City Award from CRRRA for its Apartment Move-out Program, Mayor Krovoza appointed as new Council Liaison to NRC, and CCA recommendation received by Council at their July 10 meeting.

5. Council Liaison Comments:

None.

6. Public Communications:

None.

Consent Calendar

7. Motion to pull items A, C and D passes, AYES 7-0.

Regular Calendar

8. Receive YSAQMD Annual Air Quality Update: 2011-12 Burn Season

The NRC received a brief staff overview of the item and YSAQMD delivered a powerpoint presentation covering the methodology and results of the last three years of PM2.5 particulate air quality monitoring conducted in Davis (including for the 2011-12 Wood Burning season). YSAQMD highlighted that ozone and PM2.5 fine particles are the two biggest air quality concerns in Davis during the Winter months. The NRC discussed the monitoring results and overall effectiveness of the voluntary wood burn program. Issues raised included need for additional monitoring and further analysis of existing data. Some of this work would require a budget to complete in a timely manner. Staff highlighted that the 2012-13 voluntary burn season program item would be on the September NRC agenda.

9. IPM Policy Update

The IPM coordinator reviewed the status of implementing the NRC recommendations to develop standard operating procedures for applying pesticides at City facilities and updating IPM policies. Further updates will be scheduled as the work progresses.

10. Receive Update on Solid Waste Resource Plan

Staff presented the status of the Solid Waste Resource Plan and project schedule was discussed. The goal was to have the NRC review and comment on the draft Plan at the October NRC meeting and approve the Plan at the November NRC meeting.

11. 4th of July Event Update

Staff presented the results on hiring a contractor to conduct this event following zero waste principles. Significant increase in event diversion rate achieved. Further discussion of improvements for next year included more frequent emptying of onsite bins, higher use of compostable silverware, and use of reusable plates and silverware.

12. NRC Subcommittee Reports

Energy: CCA recommendation received by Council at July 10 meeting, add new construction ordinance to long range calendar, continue Net Zero work, and focus on upcoming review of City Transportation Element (September NRC meeting).

Water Management: No update, awaiting Council direction on 20% demand reduction plan recommendations and further development of integrated resource study.

Zero Waste: Met with Davis Waste Removal to discuss containerization.

Wood Smoke: No report.

Adjourn: 9:30 p.m.