

Natural Resources Commission
Minutes
July 22, 2013

Commissioners:

Present: Eugene Wilson (Chair), Ben Bourne (Vice Chair), Dean Newberry, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff, Matt Williams (arrive 6:50 PM) and Matt Holland (Alternate)

Absent: None

Staff: Mike Webb, Director of Community Development & Sustainability; Richard Tsai, Senior Utility Resource Specialist; Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator

Council Liaison: Lucas Frerichs

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda passed unanimously with shifting of item 10 (Wood Burning Policy) to be taken up after item 8 on the Regular Calendar.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve June 24, 2013 Minutes; Commission Pryor moved to approve the minutes; Seconded by Bourne and passed unanimously. Ayes: 6-0

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Commissioner Pryor announced the City Council approval of the Integrated Waste Management Plan on 7/2/13.

Chair Wilson inquired about an overflowing waste receptacle on E Street Downtown. Richard Tsai will follow-up with the property owner and appropriate staff.

Webb announced that Mitch Sears will be the new Staff Liaison to the NRC beginning at the next meeting.

5. Council Liaison Comments:

Councilmember Frerichs introduced himself as the new City Council Liaison and announced that there were several issues of NRC interest that the Council would be taking up in the coming months, including plastic bags, wood burning, DWR contract, and the Cannery.

- 6. Public Communications:**
None.

Consent Calendar

7. No consent items on the agenda.

Regular Calendar

- 8. Receive 2013 Mid-Year Solid Waste Update**
Richard Tsai introduced the item, followed by presentation from Jennifer Gilbert.

Public Comment: None

This item was informational with no action required.

Commissioner Williams arrived at 6:50 PM.

- 9. Final NRC Recommendation: 2013-14 Wood Burning Policy**
Commissioner Pryor gave an overview of the proposed ordinance revisions.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Holland moved approval as presented; Seconded by Pryor. Friendly amendment to suggest that staff work with the YSAQMD towards incentives to encourage conversion of devices to cleaner sources and that the City Attorney develop a definition of “manufactured log”. Holland and Pryor accepted as friendly amendments. Motion passed unanimously. Ayes: 7-0

- 10. Discuss/Approve New Construction Energy Efficiency Ordinance**
Commissioners Newbury and Bourne recused themselves from the item, departing the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Chair Wilson gave an overview of the proposed policy.

Public Comment: Gerald Braun noted that the proposed provisions are defensible, it is important the local jurisdictions take the lead. Won’t drive Davis to net zero carbon due to slow growth, but will raise awareness.

Commissioner Pryor moved approval of the ordinance with the addition of “or public” to section 1 or 6; Seconded by Holland. Motion passed unanimously. Ayes: 5-0

11. Discuss Cannery Project

Commissioner Williams presented an update on his conversations with the applicant on energy efficiency measures for the proposal.

Public Comment: None

This was an informational update. No Commission action.

12. Receive Subcommittee Updates

Wood Burning: No report

Water Management: Commissioner Williams presented update from the subcommittee.

Two key comments: 1) If going to conserve 34 gallons/home need to get going now, and 2) Grass Valley installed meters and can be a resource for staff to look to for sample of leaks found.

Zero Waste: No report

Energy: No report

13. Long Range Calendar

Water subcommittee report and recommendations in October.

Adjourn: 9:25 PM