

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
September 26, 2016

Present: Matt Holland, John Johnston, Anya McCann (Alt), Michelle Millet,
Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff

Absent: Mark Braly, Kristin Burford
Staff: Mitch Sears, Sustainability Manager

Council Liaison: Rochelle Swanson

1. **Approval of Agenda** - Approved unanimously
2. **Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons** – None
3. **Public Communications** – None.
4. **Consent Calendar** – Approved (A) June 27, 2016 minutes.
5. **Regular Items**
 - a) **Environmentally Acceptable Food Packaging Ordinance Status Update** – Staff clarified the materials covered under the recommended draft ordinance and responded to Commission questions. Commissioners expressed concern that the process to develop a recommended ordinance had taken an extended period of time.

Following discussion, on a motion by Pryor, seconded by Johnston, the Commission recommended adoption of the comprehensive draft ordinance as recommended by staff with the following addition: That the ordinance require that all food service materials be compostable or recyclable, for example plastic wrap of utensils. Motion passed 6-0.

- b) **City IPM Policy Review Process** – Staff reviewed the IPM policy review process memorandum and responded to Commission questions. Commissioners express concern that the recommended review process included too many joint meetings (3) with other commissions which might delay Commission recommendations and actions by the City Council. The Commission also discussed the value of holding a public forum with subject matter experts and the role of the Hazardous Materials Subcommittee. The Subcommittee expressed interest in organizing the public forum.

Following discussion, on a motion by Johnston, seconded by Holland, the Commission recommended that the City pursue, in a timely manner, an initial joint workshop with the Natural Resources, Open Space and Habitat, and Recreation and Parks commissions to provide all with a common foundation of baseline information about the current IPM policy, application methods, key challenges to asset management, facts about the types and amounts of chemicals utilized, and a proposed specific schedule for the policy update process (Bullet 2 included in the recommendation from the staff IPM policy review process memo). Motion passed 6-0.

- c) **Sterling Apartments Draft Environmental Impact Report – Preliminary Discussion.** The Commission discussed how it would organize its review and comments on the DEIR. Following discussion the Commission agreed to the following assignments, based in part on its subcommittee structure, for the review and development of comments on the DEIR that would be considered by the full Commission at its October 24th meeting:

Draft EIR Sections related to NRC purpose:

- 3.2 Air Quality and 3.6 Greenhouse Gases, Climate Change (Johnston, McCann, Braly)
- 3.6 Energy (McCann, Braly, Burford)

- 3.7 Hazards and Hazardous Materials (Pryor, Westhoff, McCann)
 - 3.8 Hydrology and Water Quality and 3.14 Utilities [Water] (Holland, Johnston, Westhoff)
- d) **Update – Davis Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.** Staff provided a status update on action and activities related to the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Notable activities include Council adoption of new solar installation goals for 2020 and continuing work on launch a local Community Choice Energy program.
- e) **Water Conservation Program Update** – Brief update provided. The most current water conservation information shows that Davis saved 15% for the month over the August 2013 baseline. Overall, annual water use in 2016 in Davis is approximately 22% less than 2013.
- f) **Subcommittee Updates** –
- Water – No update.
 - Energy – The subcommittee will present its research on potential energy efficiency program approaches at the October meeting.
 - Solid Waste – No update – see item 5a above.
 - Haz Mat – See item 5.b above. In addition, working to identify key sites to include in annual hazardous materials site report (e.g. Lewis Cleaners).
 - GHG – Meeting with staff to develop draft GHG standards for new non-residential construction.
6. **Commission and Staff Communications**
- a) **Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items.** Reviewed
- b) **Upcoming meeting items/events.** October 24, 2016, 2016
7. **Adjourn:** 9:00 p.m.