

Natural Resources Commission Minutes
March 26, 2018; 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mark Braly, John Johnston, Anya McCann, Alan Pryor, Steven Westhoff

Absent: Patrick Henderson, Evan Schmidt, Stan Bair

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

Council Liaison: Rochelle Swanson

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved unanimously (Pryor, McCann 5-0).
2. **Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons** –
Staff noted that the Downtown Davis Plan is in progress, planning for the future and creating a vision for 2040, and that the Existing Conditions report comments are due April 2. There will be a Participatory Design Workshop, or Public Charrette, from April 24th to 28th at the Davis Community Church, 412 C Street. More information can be found at cityofdavis.org/downtownplan. Anya McCann noted that the voice of NRC should be heard, so encouraged all Commissioners to be present. John Johnston added that branding is an issue for our community.
3. **Public Communications** –
Robin Kosloff, a resident of Davis Manor, noted that the Neighborhood Council is working with City of Davis staff to submit an Urban Greening Grant and asked for support letters from the Commission members. The grant will entail a request for \$1 to 1.5 million to install street improvements identified in the Neighborhood Green Master Plan. This plan has been developed as a data-based, community participation effort in concert with Landscape Architect Kevin Perry, and includes improving shade, widening sidewalks and installing pervious paving, rain gardens and tree planting. The benefits include saving energy, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improving transportation and walkability in the neighborhood. Individual Commissioners agreed to send letters of support.
Chris Granger, Executive Director of Cool Davis, came to notify the Commission of several ongoing efforts and upcoming events. The City and Cool Davis are collaborating on a residential Energy Efficiency and HVAC pilot project using city permit data to target households. Two events in the next month include an April 15 Home Tour, ‘Where the Sun Shines’, focusing on residential Electric Vehicles and Solar photovoltaics, and an opportunity to participate in the Picnic Day Parade with Cool Davis on April 21, 2018.
4. **Consent Calendar** – Approved unanimously (Pryor, Braly 5-0). A request was made to agendize a discussion of the Woodsmoke Ordinance and metrics on the Long Range Calendar for June or July 2018.
 - A. Minutes – January 22, 2018 (as amended from February meeting discussion)
 - B. Minutes – February 26, 2018
 - C. Woodsmoke update
5. **Regular Items**
 - A. **Environmental Recognition Awards Recommendations**
The subcommittee and staff presented the recommendations for awards. See attached staff report to be presented at the May 1, 2018 City Council meeting. Recommendations were approved unanimously (Pryor, Braly 5-0).
 - B. **GHG Subcommittee Draft Policy Recommendation**

The GHG Subcommittee presented recommendations related to the Parking Lot Shade Ordinance, Davis Municipal Code 4025. Following discussion by the Commission, the Subcommittee said that they would bring the issue back to the Commission for action and recommendations at the April Commission meeting.

C. 2018 Commission Chair/Vice Chair Election and 2018-19 Goals Planning

John Johnston was nominated as NRC Chair, to start at the April 2018 meeting. Approved unanimously (Pryor, Braly 5-0).

Steve Westhoff was nominated as Interim NRC Vice Chair, until the April 2018 meeting, when a permanent Vice Chair can be nominated. Approved unanimously (Pryor, Braly 5-0).

The Commission addressed 2018-19 Goals and made amendments, as shown on track changed document, attached.

Subcommittee assignments were held until the April 2018 meeting to allow participation by all commissioners.

D. Subcommittee Updates –

The following subcommittee reports were made:

GHG—see comments above.

Water-- Following a request from a member of the public, the Water Subcommittee further researched Senate Bill (SB) 7 (Stats. 2015, ch. 623) (Wolk). The Water Subcommittee concludes that SB 7 requires new multi-family residential buildings to install and maintain water submeters for each dwelling unit and establishes certain standards and requirements for per-unit volumetric water. However, SB 7 does not require landlords to adopt per-unit volumetric water billing and authorizes several alternative billing methods. SB 7 precludes the adoption, and preempts the operation, of a new local ordinance that regulates water submeters, their installation, maintenance, reading, billing, testing, or associated onsite plumbing.

6. Commission and Staff Communications

- a) **Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items.** Reviewed, see attached
- b) **Upcoming meeting items/events.** Next regular meeting April 23, 2018

7. Adjourn: 9:45 p.m.