

CITY OF CALISTOGA
GREEN COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2022, via Zoom at 3:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Committee members present virtually: Chair Antoinette Mailliard, Vice Chair John Gleazer, Kate Stanley, Millie Pease, and June Knoblich. Staff members present: Samantha Thomas.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Staff member Thomas indicated one public comment was received regarding 611 Washington. Due to the timing of when the public comment was received, staff recommended including the item on next month's agenda and the committee agreed. Staff indicated she would send additional documents following the meeting for the committees' review.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Leaf Blower Outreach Program and Rebate.

Staff member Thomas, Vice Chair Gleazer, and committee member Pease provided updates on leaf blower outreach and next steps. Staff member Thomas indicated she would share the list of businesses that have received flyers thus far and will send out flyers with applications to commercial operators that hold city business licenses as well as the mobile home park owners/managers within the coming week.

B. Update on Foodware Ordinance.

Committee member Pease provided an update on outreach to the community (businesses) regarding their opinion on the ordinance. She indicated a letter went out and that the letter is requesting their input on the proposed charges for the use of BPI compostable foodware. She further indicated that a few restaurants are already using them and that others plan to transition to BPI compostable foodware when the ordinance goes into effect. Chair Mailliard indicated a list of suppliers is being requested that would then be shared with businesses. Committee member Pease will consider providing updates on this ordinance.

C. Update on Community and School Climate Literacy.

Committee member Knoblich updated the committee that after a review of the state's K-12 standards, there isn't much environmental education in the curriculum until 9th grade. A task force of 37 people was put together by the Superintendent of Schools and found that only 13 percent of schools integrated environmental education into their curriculum. She further elaborated that California students are learning environmental topics through varied and often disjointed experiences. Chair Mailliard requested a list of schools that have integrated environmental education.

Vice Chair Gleazer briefed the committee on an article he read regarding the state introducing legislation on climate change education and quoted "*...educated students can inspire adults towards greater levels of climate awareness...*" Committee member

Knoblich further explained there are green schools throughout California and others are being encouraged to become green schools.

D. Update on Earth Day in the Park.

Chair Mailliard introduced the topic to the committee. Committee member Stanley indicated that the plan for Earth Day is to have a table at the Farmer's Market throughout April. She further explained that the lecture series has been canceled due to music in the park being held that Saturday by the Chamber. Committee member Pease further explained that a table or two would be set up at the Farmer's Market. She proposed one table could have an art project and another is to be determined. Committee member Pease requested a contact person for the tables during the Earth Day event as she's busy with the foodware ordinance. Chair Mailliard recommended deciding who would be chairperson between this meeting and next to organize the event. Committee member Pease and Vice Chair Gleazer recommended since there are five Saturdays in April, each committee member takes one Saturday. Vice Chair Gleazer offered to take on organizing a few of the tables for the proposed event and getting up to speed on information regarding global warming/climate change. Vice Chair Gleazer agreed to be chairman of the event and reach out to businesses for their commitments. Chair Mailliard recommended that the city's water conservation staff be present as well. Vice Chair Gleazer indicated by the next meeting he will come back to the group with four tables for the Earth Day event at the Farmer's Market. Vice Chair Gleazer and committee member Stanley agreed having a Green Committee member present at the Farmer's Market as a sponsor of the table(s) would be beneficial.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' IDEAS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Committee member Pease requested the number of leaf blower applications that had come in since the last meeting. Staff member Thomas indicated the city had received 8 residential applications so far. Committee member Stanley explained that she had met with Planning and Building Director Jeff Mitchem regarding volunteering to help the consultants (when hired) update the Climate Action Plan (CAP). Chair Mailliard clarified that Director Mitchem and City Council would approve the contract and then direct staff on how they want the update structured – where and how the Green Committee would be involved.

Vice Chair Gleazer asked Chair Mailliard if a speaker was in the works to go over the building code update. Chair Mailliard clarified that she spoke with the Building Department and would like to get an expert to inform the committee on what's the latest and greatest in regards to the building code update, and how to make the code stronger than what the state is proposing.

Staff experienced technical difficulties near the end of the meeting and as such meeting minutes were cut short.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.