

CITY OF CALISTOGA
GREEN COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2022, via Zoom at 3:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Committee members present virtually: Chair Antoinette Mailliard, Vice Chair John Gleazer, June Knoblich, and Millie Pease. Absent: Kate Stanley. Staff member present: Mitchell Egert.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments, and one attendee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft Minutes from May 10, 2022, were approved unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on The Cool City Challenge

Vice Chair Gleazer presented. Vice Chair Gleazer explained how the Cool City Challenge is a way address climate change from a grassroots community level and beyond and detailed some of structure and specifics of the program. Chair Mailliard touched on some of the facets and strategies of the program. Chair Mailliard notes that the addition of a sustainability/environmental officer on City staff of sorts would help implement/coordinate a program such as the Cool City Challenge. Discussion ensued. Committee members unanimously support Vice Chair Gleazer's continued research on the Cool City Challenge.

No action taken

B. Building Code Update Planning

Chair Mailliard presented. Chair Mailliard provided some introduction/background on California building code/CALGreen. Chair Mailliard listed some ideas for future building codes from the committee and the broader community such as new requirements for new construction projects including but not limited to greywater, solar, building insulation, and EV charging requirements for new multifamily housing complexes. Staff member Egert to coordinate with Planning & Building Director to furnish G.C. members with updated edition of CALGreen building code when it becomes available so that they can plan any suggested amendments accordingly prior to City Council review and approval.

No Action Taken

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of and Vote on Edited Foodware Draft Ordinance

Committee Member Pease and Chair Mailliard presented. Additionally, Committee Member Pease introduced a letter of support which will be circulated around the community by members of the G.C. to engage the community and document

community support for the proposed foodware ordinance in the form of signatures. Discussion ensued.

Action taken:

A motion was made by member Pease to authorize Chair Mailliard to amend the language on the following sections in the foodware ordinance draft provisions:

P.10 8.18.20 D. *Customer-provided reusable cups and other foodware.*

Proposed amendment 1: *Omit the mandatory \$0.25 takeout cup charge and substitute a new title for this section.*

Motion seconded by Vice Chair Gleazer

Motion passes unanimously.

P. 14 8.17.50 Exemptions A. 4. *Where suitable compostable foodware products....are unavailable... section (3).*

Proposed amendment 2: *Edit Section (3) of this paragraph effectively adding a compostable packaging exemption for items requiring display packaging, for example for prepared sushi or cake, etc. Recyclable plastic is required where compostable will not work.*

Motion seconded by Vice Chair Gleazer.

Motion Passes unanimously.

Following these amendments, committee member Pease made a motion to approve the amended foodware ordinance draft and recommend that this final version be adopted by the City Council.

Motion seconded by Vice Chair Gleazer.

Motion Passes Unanimously.

A motion to approve the letter of support and subsequent community outreach efforts was passed unanimously.

C. Budget Update

Director Mitchem was unable to present. Staff member Egert presented. Staff member Egert provided an update on total number, to date, of leaf blower applications and rebates.

No action taken.

D. Goals, Forecasting and Expenditures Presentation

Presentation not given.

No action taken.

E. Update on Leaf Blower Ordinance Outreach (Newspaper Ads Etc.)

Vice Chair Gleazer presented. Vice Chair Gleazer read his “Notice to residents and yard maintenance businesses” public service announcement, which will be published in the Calistoga Tribune as a reminder for the soon to be enforced leaf blower ordinance.

No action taken.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ IDEAS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Gleazer inquired about the status of/any changes to the Calistoga Climate Action Plan.

Vice Chair Gleazer inquired about Marin Clean Energy’s rebate programs and resources for EVs and EV chargers.

Vice Chair Gleazer asked if there is a mechanism for keeping track of the issues that the Green Committee has looked at in the past. Chair Mailliard noted that there is a group that offers resources and tools to track progress. Name to be provided at a later date.

Vice Chair Gleazer brought up the topic of enforcement of the leaf blower ordinance and sought clarification on which dept. will be handling receiving complaints/violations to the leaf blower ordinance etc. Staff member Egert to provide specifics on this subject at next meeting in July.

In an effort to assist Vice Chair Gleazer with leaf blower ordinance outreach to commercial, Staff member Egert notes that he has furnished Vice Chair Gleazer with a list of all relevant landscapers, gardeners, contractors that have business licenses with the city of Calistoga.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.