

CITY OF CALISTOGA
GREEN COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Revised
July 12, 2022, via Zoom at 3:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments, and one attendee.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft Minutes from June 14, 2022 were approved unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Marin Clean Energy on EV Programs and Rebate Opportunities

Dave Gardi, Community Development Manager of Marin Clean Energy presented.

Mr. Gardi gave a presentation on Marin Clean Energy's Residential and Multifamily energy efficiency and electric vehicle (EV) rebate programs. Mr. Gardi answered questions from Committee members. Staff member Mitchell Egert provided a copy of Mr. Gardi's presentation, and associated links to Green Committee Members for future reference. Staff Member Egert has connected Mr. Gardi with the UpValley Family Center management.

No action taken.

B. Review of Updated Green Committee Resolution

Director Jeff Mitchem presented. Director Mitchem shared the Green Committee's resolution and staff report from the City Council meeting on June 21, 2022, summarizing some of the key points from the meeting "...so that we can inspire, hopefully, a little collective action for strategic planning and green initiatives moving forward". Director Mitchem advised GC members that committee initiatives should find root in the Calistoga Climate Action Plan (CCAP). Director Mitchem highlighted the duties and responsibilities of the committee and the and green initiatives for FY 22/23.

C. Budget Update and Green Initiatives for FY 22/23

Director Mitchem presented. Agenda item was folded into agenda item 'B'.

D. Update on Calistoga and Regional Climate Action Plans

Director Mitchem presented. Director Mitchem shared his preliminary, edited version of the emissions reduction measures (initiatives) progress table from the CCAP. Director Mitchem explained that he added a third column titled "2022 Update" which will be used to help GC members and staff track past and present progress/provide updates to the 40 CCAP emission reduction measures (initiatives) over the past four years (see CCAP Implementation Matrix Document). This table was last updated in 2018. Director Mitchem explains that he would like to divide up the 40 initiatives and determine the status of each, and then fill out the third column, which details progress, or lack thereof of each initiative, over the past four years. Director Mitchem notes that new initiatives/emission reduction measures or edits to existing ones may be added following approval from City Council. Discussion about how to divide up and approach the work ensued. Director Mitchem has since sent a copy of his CCAP Implementation Matrix document to all Green Committee members and pertinent staff so that they can review it thoroughly and discuss at a later date.

The Committee agreed with option 3 which entailed Director Mitchem and staff member Egert were to review the matrix and fill in the 2022 achievements, and then send the matrix a week before the meeting so the committee could be informed.

No action taken.

E. Presentation on Building Code/CALGreen

Building Official Brad Cannon, presented to the Green Committee for the second time. Building Official Cannon provided a background on the basics of CALGreen (California Building Code) and provided a basic timeline for the City's adoption of the new edition (2023) of said code. He explained the differences between mandatory measures and additional, more stringent measures (tiers) that could be added on/adopted in the future if the City decides to do so. Building Official Cannon gave an overview of the different divisions of CALGreen (i.e., water efficiency & conservation, energy efficiency, and their respective provisions/requirements.) He informed the committee that he has not yet reviewed the 2023 CALGreen Code.

No action Taken

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Foodware Ordinance Discussion

Agenda item was skipped. More info to come at following meeting.

No action taken.

B. Update on Leaf Blower Ordinance Enforcement

Director Mitchem updated GC members on the new informational leaf blower ordinance flyers which are available online and in person at City Hall. The flyer details how to file complaints, etc. Discussion about flyers and the existing yard sign campaign ensued.

No action taken.

C. Update on Municipal EV Charging Stations

Staff member Egert presented. Staff member Egert reports that the dual port charging station at the future Silverado Gateway (Lincoln Ave. & Silverado Trail) project is still in the design phase. The proposed charger will be ChargePoint level II dual port charger.

No action taken.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' IDEAS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Committee Member Pease inquired about the status/timeline of the foodware ordinance regarding review by upper city management, etc.

Director Mitchem responded to the request noting that it wouldn't be until September that staff could fold the foodware ordinance into the CMC for consideration by the committee during their regularly scheduled meeting.

Chair Maillard inquired about hiring and indicated that whoever is hired as an addition to the Planning Department should have a background in environmental affairs/science. Director Mitchem noted that this was on the table.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.