

**CITY OF CALISTOGA  
GREEN COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**September 13, 2022, via Zoom at 3:00 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No comments received, and 3 attendees over the course of the meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Draft Minutes from August 9, 2022, were approved unanimously.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Brief update on ATAC September meeting.**

Vice Chair Gleazer clarified that he was not able to attend the September meeting and will be attending the October meeting instead. He provided a brief overview of what ATAC stands for (i.e., Active Transportation Advisory Committee) to the Green Committee, described how ATAC promotes active transportation (i.e., walking, biking), and indicated that the desire is to understand how ATAC and the Green Committee's goals are correlated.

**No action taken**

**B. Discuss NVTA's electric bus projects.**

Vice Chair Gleazer informed the committee about the status of NVTA's (Napa Valley Transportation Authority) electric bus projects in Napa Valley. As of current, the City of Calistoga will receive a similar replacement of the existing gas-powered shuttle bus for a period of 7 years, while the other communities in Napa County will receive an electric bus. Vice Chair Gleazer asked the Green Committee for a vote to request/encourage the NVTA Board to consider purchasing an electric bus for the city versus the proposed gas-powered bus and to proceed with the purchase as soon as available – supporting the city's resolution declaring a climate emergency and a focused commitment to net zero emissions by 2030. Chair Mailliard requested clarification that the issue regarding the bus size and access to the mobile home parks, and inquired whether it would eliminate the City of Calistoga from NVTA funding if they pursued a different type of electric shuttle. Committee member Stanley inquired if the bus could be more 'fun' – partnering with the wineries or hotels nearby. Vice Chair Gleazer noted that there is no shuttle bus manufactured under 30 feet within the United States, and Chair Mailliard requested the Green Committee inquire if they can receive funds to purchase an electric bus at a later date when a smaller option becomes available. Chair Mailliard requested the Green Committee allow Vice Chair Gleazer be appointed to attend these meetings to get a better understanding and speak on behalf of the Green Committee. A vote was held to appoint Vice Chair Gleazer to attend these meetings and speak on behalf of the Green Committee, and the request was approved unanimously, with the caveat from Committee member Stanley that the Green Committee remain open to alternate shuttle options.

**The request was approved unanimously.**

**C. Discuss EV charger recommendations.**

Vice Chair Gleazer informed the Green Committee about EV chargers. PG&E may subsidize some of the EV chargers. Chair Mailliard inquired about the financial structure of EV chargers

and whether the City of Calistoga would pay for installation, or if the community would pay for individual charges. Committee member Stanley shared an example of new solar charging stations in London where 4 cars are charged per charging tree. Vice Chair Gleazer indicated he would follow up on this item. Staff member Thomas indicated she would add this item to next month's agenda as Old Business.

**No action taken.**

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Update on Foodware Ordinance.**

Committee member Pease provided the list of members in the study group – Restaurateurs Gayle Keller and Antonia Gutierrez; Community leaders Jerry Turgeon and Mary-ellen Hester; and Green Committee members Millie Pease, and Antoinette Mailliard. She informed the Green Committee that a letter of support was circulated around the City of Calistoga and received 550 signatures. She provided a brief overview of the outreach efforts and the benefits of the Green Committee's version of the Foodware Ordinance. Committee member Pease emphasized that there are many differences between the Foodware Ordinance approved by the Green Committee and the City's current version. City staff have agreed to meet with Green Committee members to review the Foodware Ordinance and draft a version they can both support. They would like to bring the updated Ordinance to the Green Committee for a vote at the October meeting and then send to City Council for approval.

**No action taken.**

**1. Update on Bring-Your-Own-Cup**

Committee member Pease provided an update on the bring-your-own-cup policy. She indicated that flyers written in English and Spanish have been sent to the local coffee vendors. Chair Mailliard indicated that while there has been opposition to posting the larger flyers in windows, vendors have been posting them on bulletin boards and most vendors have been willing to display smaller flyers at their counters. The Green Committee discussed potential issues regarding convenience and solutions to the bring-your-own-cup policy.

**No action taken.**

**B. Update on GC participation in 2023 Earth Day at local schools.**

Vice Chair Gleazer provided an update on Green Committee participation in 2023 Earth Day at local schools. He stated that he's inquired with teachers about the potential opportunity to participate but has not received a reply. He discussed some of the barriers that may prevent teachers from participating. Chair Mailliard suggested the possibility of presenting a similar opportunity to the Boys and Girls Club.

**No action taken.**

**C. Revise, Discuss, and Update the Calistoga Climate Action Plan Implementation Matrix**

Staff member Thomas provided a brief update. Committee member Stanley indicated she would like to work on a project that would implement CE-1 A of the Calistoga Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Implementation Matrix, which involves producing community events that would address climate change. The project involves a series of monthly lectures and movies to be held by the Green Committee at the community center addressing climate change. She requested the Green Committee allow her to move forward with creating and presenting a plan for this project to the Green Committee. Staff member Thomas indicated she would add this item to next month's agenda.

**The request was approved unanimously.**

Chair Mailliard indicated Green Committee members have received community water quality inquiries. The community has requested why they have higher than normal levels of lead and halogenated acetic acid (HAAs). Chair Mailliard explained that houses exceeding a certain

age with lead pipes may have higher levels of lead and can get their water quality tested if desired. It was clarified that the HAAs are formed through the drinking water disinfectant process and are more of an issue when water levels are low. A report from the City of Calistoga indicates that extremely large quantities of water would have to be consumed for the current level of HAAs to have adverse impacts, and Chair Mailliard informed the Green Committee that reverse osmosis systems may help reduce HAAs. Chair Mailliard stated she would provide the associated link and informed the Green Committee that further inquiries could be directed to the water treatment plant. Committee member Knoblich informed the Green Committee that pipes in older houses can be refreshed as a more cost-effective approach to addressing lead than replacing the pipes.

**No action taken.**

#### **D. Update on Leaf Blower Rebates**

Staff member Mitchem provided an update on the leaf blower rebates. He indicated the city has received a total of 54 applications – 7 commercial and 47 residential, for a total of \$9,800 refunded. A total of \$20,200 is left in the Green Committees' budget.

**No action taken.**

#### **E. Review of Green Committee Budget**

Staff member Mitchem indicated he would provide a budget update after reconciling the Tribune mailer, expenditures for the flyers, and discussing Staff member Thomas's work on the Foodware Ordinance. Staff member Thomas indicated she would add this item to next month's agenda as Old Business.

**No action taken.**

### **6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' IDEAS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

Staff member Mitchem stated that the city is working on Title 24 Building Code Updates for 2023 with the schedule being the remaining quarter of the year. He indicated the city would apply REACH codes to meet or exceed certain categories, and staff would also review the grace period to adopt the current code. Staff member Mitchem provided the Green Committee with the option as a body, to agree to self-training and resource availability amongst themselves and go to Council as a member of the community, or the Green Committee could go to Council and request Council allow staff time to review the document on behalf of the Green Committee. Chair Mailliard confirmed with Staff member Mitchem that the Green Committee could provide a bullet point list for the city to provide to the city's consultants when updating the Building Code of items committee members would like to provide input on. Staff member Thomas indicated she would add this item to next month's agenda.

Staff member Mitchem indicated it's at the top of the city's list to revise their ordinance regarding the need for a Building Standards Advisory Review and Appeals Board in case the city receives an appeal.

Staff member Mitchem provided Vice Chair Gleazer with the contact at the city to discuss EV charging stations.

Staff member Mitchem advised Chair Mailliard to put her comments regarding the city's water rates in writing, with advice and direction. He indicated the letter should then be sent to the Planning Department who would forward it to the Department of Public Works (DPW), and then from DPW to the consulting body. He advised that the Green Committee should then go to Council during the appropriate time when the item is agendaized.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.