

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

**May 9, 2023, City Hall Conference Room
1232 Washington St. Calistoga, CA 94515**

1. ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Antionette Mailliard, Vice Chair John Gleazer, Jenna Franquelin, Millie Pease.

Absent: Kate Stanley

Staff members present: Lauren Clark

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments were received.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft Minutes from April 12, 2023 were approved unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Member Resignation/ Vacancy

Staff member Clark reports that committee member Stanley has resigned. The committee member vacancy will be posted for reassignment soon.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. 23/24 Budget- Proposed Projects

1. Foodware Ordinance Implementation Update

Chair Mailliard presents the proposed budget item. The letter has been written to give to the food vendors next week. Committee member Pease questions if the banner that is planned to be posted at the Chamber of Commerce should be posted by the Green Committee or the City. Staff member Clark will investigate the answer to that question and announces that she has presented the letter to be distributed to all food sale businesses within the City to Director Mitchem for review. Committee member Pease raises a concern that certain foodware brands claim to be compostable, but they are not compostable locally. Many of the local vendors are using this type of utensil since they are wrapped in plastic. This may pose a problem with Calmart specifically. Further education is needed on this subject. She presents the supplier list provided by Sonoma County. Styrofoam and plastic bags are still being sold by Calmart and the gas stations. Plastics that are heavier weight are labeled as reusable, but they still end up in landfills. Committee member Pease presents the budget worksheet. Scott Copper has requested a copy of the letter and the summary. She plans to have two workshops in the summer, if possible, but until the budget is approved, there is not an option to do so sooner. Calmart is finding a compostable replacement option for raw meat trays.

2. Downtown Bicycle Parking Project

Vice Chair Gleazer presents his proposed budget for bike parking at the existing parklet. Many visitors come for the day. The proposed bike rack would be

beneficial as it would condense the number of bikes parked around the City and it would be easily visible to from Lincoln Ave. Vice Chair Gleazer suggests having artists paint murals on the outside and installing solar powdered light for those parking their bikes overnight. Chair Mailliard questions if the City initiated the City Beatification Project will affect the Green Committee's plans to install bike parking. Vice Chair Gleazer asks if he should present to the Chamber to collaborate on the project. Staff member Clark and the committee members agree that the committee should work together with the Chamber to be sure that the project is in line with the plans of the City Beautification Project. A similar alignment with the Chamber may be necessary for the proposals for the EV chargers. Vice Chair Gleazer has a future meeting with the Director from the Chamber. Discussion ensues about level 3 chargers and the City's shuttle bus. Staff member Clark asks if the plans were presented to Public Works for review. Vice Chair Gleazer explains he spoke with Director Rayner, and he had no comments on the bike parking plans.

3. Elementary School Project

Committee member Franquelin reports that she met with Rosa Rubio, but they did not speak about the Environmental Education Project as they had originally planned. Committee member Franquelin is comfortable with the budget proposal as it is written. Discussion ensues about examples of similar programs that teach about Climate Change and how well they keep students engaged with the topic. She explains that students don't have a desire to learn until they have a connection with the topic and these programs do just that. She is confident that the schools will approve the proposed program, but there is a concern that the teachers will not have time to fit these educational events into their curriculum and still meet state standards. Committee member Franquelin plans to meet with the program directors to coordinate and learn more about how to launch the proposed programs. She also plans to meet with the school's science teachers to gain their feedback. She hopes this will be a starting point because schools are ending soon for the summer and a decision needs to be made before the next school year begins.

B. Update on Upper Valley Disposal Grant

Due to lack of time, committee members were not able to discuss this item.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' IDEAS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.