



CITY OF NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

Sustainability Commission

MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2023 - 6:00 pm

Novato City Hall, 901 Sherman Avenue, Novato

Chair

Bob Brown

Vice Chair

Chris Yalonis

Members

Tim Blofeld, Bob Brown, Zach Brownstone, Pablo Paster, and Dhanya Subramanian

Staff Liaison

Gretchen Schubeck

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Commissioners Present: Bob Brown (Chair), Pablo Paster, Dhanya Subramanian, and Nicole Tai

Staff Present: Gretchen Schubeck, Sustainability Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Upon a motion of Commissioner Tai and second by Commissioner Paster the Commission voted 5-0-2 to approve the final agenda.

AYES: BROWN, PASTER, SUBRAMANIAN, TAI, YALONIS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: BLOFELD, BROWNSTONE

Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

D. CONSENT ITEMS

Upon a motion of Commissioner Tai and second by Commissioner Paster, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to approve the meeting minutes of October 19, 2023.

AYES: BROWN, PASTER, SUBRAMANIAN, TAI, YALONIS

NOES: NONE
ABSENT: BLOFELD, BROWNSTONE

Motion carried.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

E.1 Workshop: Climate Action Plan Update (Adaptation and Sequestration)

- Coordinator Schubeck presented an overview of climate adaptation and carbon sequestration impacts and strategies (PowerPoint attached).
- Following the presentation, Commissioners and members of the public were invited to join one of two topic-focused tables to review a set of draft adaptation and sequestration-related actions for potential inclusion in the updated CAP.
- 18 community members and four Commissioners reviewed the proposed actions and discussed whether to keep the action as proposed, or to modify. There was also an opportunity to propose new actions.
- Table one focused on the *Urban Forest, Healthy Soils, and Trees on Public Land*; and table two focused on *Sea Level Rise and Climate-Driven Events*.
- The CAP consultant and staff will transcribe feedback provided at the workshop for review by the Commission at a future meeting.

E.2 Discuss and consider recommending that the City Council consider adopting the County of Marin's model reach code related to electric vehicle infrastructure.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Yalonis and second by Commissioner Tai, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to recommend that the City Council consider adoption of the County of Marin's model reach code related to electric vehicle infrastructure.

AYES: BROWN, PÄSTER, SUBRAMANIAN, TAI, YALONIS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: BLOFELD, BROWNSTONE

Motion carried.

F. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS

F.1 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Tai proposed adding an agenda item to the next Commission meeting to establish an ad-hoc subcommittee to review the draft Climate Action Plan actions.

Upon a motion of Commissioner Tai and second by Commissioner Päster, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to add an agenda item to the next Commission to establish an ad-hoc subcommittee to review the draft Climate Action Plan actions.

AYES: BROWN, PÄSTER, SUBRAMANIAN, TAI, YALONIS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: BLOFELD, BROWNSTONE

Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown reported that the Marin Green Home Tour held on October 26, 2023 was a big success and a recording is available at www.maringreentour.org

F.2 Staff Liaison Reports

No update.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tai and second by Commissioner Yalonis, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

AYES: BROWN, PÄSTER, SUBRAMANIAN, TAI, YALONIS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: BLOFELD, BROWNSTONE

Motion carried.

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