



MINUTES
Town of Atherton
Environmental Programs Committee
NOVEMBER 18, 2021
SPECIAL MEETING

Vice Chair Carrico called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

1:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

1. ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Holland, Loew, Vice Chair Carrico, Chair Conn (**Excused Absence**) – **Present**

Council Member Liaison: Hawkins-Manuelian – **Present**

Staff: City Manager Rodericks, Sustainability Coordinator Kim, City Clerk Suber – **Present**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *NONE*

3. APPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021, MEETING

MOTION by Holland, Second by Carrico to approve the meeting minutes from the September 16, 2021, Meeting.

AYES: Holland, Loew, Conn

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Conn

4. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS/COMMENTS

a. Update on Leaf Blower Ordinance – Oral Report Only

Council Member Hawkins gave a brief update on the work done by the City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee and collaborative meeting that was held with the Environmental Programs Committee leaf blower subcommittee.

She noted the two groups agreed to partner on developing and strategizing on distribution methods for educational material for residents and neighbors. Programs discussed included rebates for gardeners working in Town. The joint subcommittees agreed to have an ordinance presented to Council in early 2022 for consideration and potential adoption.

City Manager Rodericks shared slides from the City Council meeting where the Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee shared proposed ordinance revisions.

This was an informational item, and no action was taken, it may appear on future agendas.

b. Update on Reach Codes – Oral Report Only

City Manager Rodericks presented an update noting what took place at the City Council November Study Session. He noted that the direction from Council was to move forward and bring an ordinance back for Council consideration in early 2022.

The Committee and Council Liaison Hawkins discussed the various recommendations for Reach Codes and as a group articulated a preference for all electric options.

This was an informational item, and no action was taken, it may appear on future agendas.

c. Environmental Programs Committee Vacancy – Oral Report Only

City Clerk Suber announced the vacant seat on the EPC would be posted for recruitment and Council Member Hawkins suggested we recruit Menlo College students that meet the residency requirements.

d. Update on Climate Action Plan – Oral Report Only

Sustainability Coordinator Kim provided an update and shared details regarding his presentation to Council at the November Study Session. He noted the needs for the Town to hit its future goals and targets and added that the Council indicated an interest in seeing an updated Climate Action Plan in 2022.

This was an informational item, and no action was taken, it may appear on future agendas.

5. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING EARTH DAY PLANNING FOR 2022

City Clerk Suber introduced the item.

The committee and Council Member Liaison discussed options that were developed from the previous year Earth Day event and potential events and partnerships for the 2022 event.

After a round of brainstorming Vice Chair Carrico assigned Committee Member Holland and Loew to the Earth Day Planning Committee and Vice Chair Carrico and Chair Conn will serve on an Earth Day Execution & Special Edition Athertonian Committee.

Town staff in partnership with Committee members will connect with vendors and partners for event planning and getting content for a possible Special Edition Athertonian focused on environmental topics.

6. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

7. NEXT MEETING DATE CONFIRMATION – January 20, 2022

8. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Carrico adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Anthony Suber
City Clerk