



MONTHLY MEETING Minutes

Monday, June 5th, 2017

6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Room 214

Commissioners Present: Robert Courtnage (Chair), Michelle Crow-Dolby (Vice-Chair), Kerry Devine (City Council), Carolyn Helfrich (Arborist), Kyle Snyder, Damian Cobey, Shane Riordan, George Solley.

Ex-officio Members Present: Diane Jones (R-Board), Nancy Segarra (Public Works)

Green Committee Chair: Frank Widic

- Call to order @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Brenda Martin of City Staff discussed that the City Council Vision Statement Meetings to be held:
 - Wednesday Jun 7th at 7pm; Dorothy Hart Community Center
 - Saturday June 10th at 9am; Mayfield Community Pavilion
 - Monday June 12th at 7pm; Idlewild Community Center
- Approval of the May meeting minutes (5 mins)
 - Amend to add Frank Widic as attending
 - Michelle Crow-Dolby moved, Kerry Devine seconded as amended.
- Public comment (5 mins)
 - James Lawrence – Introduced self as JC Law and commented that:
 - Cigarette butt cans are full
 - A lot of recyclables in trashcans
 - Tree wells look good
 - On April 11, 2011 he was arrested for disturbing meeting – and claimed minutes never amended to state he was cleared of all charges.
- General updates and discussion (15 mins)
 - Robert Courtnage mentioned that there will be a City Schools recycling discussion at the 6/5/17 School Board meeting.
 - Ongoing effort – we will be represented in this evenings school board meeting to aid and keep momentum.
 - City statement on greenhouse gas reduction
 - Robert Courtnage starting a statement for the city on greenhouse gas reduction. If any commissioner’s interested, let Robert know.



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- Kerry Divine – The Mayor’s National Climate Agenda statement – how are we involved?
 - Many of the readiness plans are already in the CLEAR plan.
- Robert Courtnage- Mayor Greenlaw signed onto the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement in 2013.
 - The Commission will pursue her signing onto the Climate Mayors Action Agenda.
- Rock the River Tabling
 - George Solley, Kyle Snyder, and Robert Courtnage– We had over 100 participants – big success!
- Committee Updates
 - Clean Committee (10 mins.) – Michele Crow- Dolby
 - General updates
 - Paula Chow bought 10 x 10 tent (\$50) – currently with Public Works
 - Damien Cobey and Michelle Crow-Dolby spent time downtown refurbishing cigarette cans – a couple were replaced
 - Dustpans and brooms were being passed out.
 - 6 new ashtrays have been installed
 - None installed at Hurkamp because the cans are permanently affixed so unable to get them to garage to retrofit
 - Frank Widic – Can the City be more consistent in placement of signage and sign maintenance?
 - Nancy Segarra - Consistency depends on multiple factors and regulations
 - Michelle Crow-Dolby met with Ann Glave of Mainstreet and David King, Director of Public Works in a follow-up meeting on getting more trashcans downtown – Anne going to write grant proposal for EDA for additional trash cans downtown
 - LED lights have been re-ordered as the first ones were not the appropriate color/ temperature for downtown.
 - Green Committee (10 mins.) – *Frank Widic*
 - Tree planting updates
 - Quarterly meeting May 9th with tree planting rankings.
 - City gateways are a high priority
 - Is there any problem, conflict of interests, with dual hatted people voting on the tree placement? Will follow-up with the City Attorney for determination.



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- Problems with communications and protocols as a committee member to City staff and the City Manager.
 - Dave King's last recommendation was to develop mission statements for the green committee and the clean committee as well – could be as simple as stating the committee's function is to support the Commission as directed. Carolyn Helfrich and Frank Widic will work on it.
 - Trees at Heritage Park 13 – 4 at Browning and 13 at Snowden Park the all have been re-staked
 - 16 trained Tree Stewards April 178.5 hours - \$23.50 / hr (state's given rate) valued at \$4,205.56 – no monies exchanged – Just informational to give some volume to the volunteer hours value to the city.
- Sustainability Committee (10 mins)- *Robert Courtnage*
 - Schools recycling follow-up
 - Schools recycling coordinators
 - Both Faculty and student – Walker grant has been identified
 - Michelle Crow-Dolby will help and email some possible coordinators at James Monroe High
 - Lafayette elementary has an in-school green committee – Michelle Crow Dolby will check there too.
 - Damien Cobey will look at Hugh Merger.
 - Grant opportunities
 - Composting – investigate curbside yard waste composting.
 - Encourage board to look at the composting –Robert Courtnage commented on the need to develop yard waste composting at the Idelwild City Council Vision 2036 meeting.
 - R-Board will meet at 8:30 am 3rd Wednesday of the month.
 - Next meeting July 10 because of July 4th holiday.

Adjourn @ 7:30 p.m.