

Natural Resources Commission

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Minutes

February 22, 2010

Commissioners:

Present: Herman Boschken, Charles Ehrlich, Doug Fetterly (Vice-Chair),
Brook Gale, Adrienne Kandel (arrived 6:42pm),
Kris Kordana (Planning Commission Liaison), Mark Lubell (Alternate),
Dean Newberry (Chair)

Absent: Jennifer Holman (unexcused)

Staff: Sue Gedestad, Assistant PW Director
Mitch Sears, Sustainability Program Manager
Richard Tsai, Senior Utility Resource Specialist
Linda Cano, Administrative Aide

Council Liaison: Stephen Souza

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of **January 25, 2010** were approved by consensus.

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Commissioner Newberry thanked the Commission for his election to Chair and expressed his desire to run the meetings as positively and efficiently as possible. He also invited suggestions from the rest of the commission.

Sue Gedestad, staff liaison, mentioned that the Commission is invited to attend the Planning Commission Workshop on March 10th, "greening the existing built environment".

5. Council Liaison Comments: None

6. Public Communications:

Alan Pryor, commended Mitch Sears, Sustainability Program Manager, on driving a GEM car to the meeting in spite of the cold weather.

Michael Siminitus encouraged the Commission to pursue the issue of zero waste. Attached to these minutes is a letter to the NRC handed out at the meeting.

Tim Ranstrom voiced his Putah Creek habitat concerns over Willowbank Park; a new subdivision that is moving through the approval process to go in along Putah Creek and Mace Boulevard in south Davis.

Regular Calendar

7. Brief Update on Climate Action Team

Mitch Sears, Sustainability Program Manager, informed the Commission that the final draft Climate Action & Adaptation Plan will come to the Commission next month and is scheduled to go to the City Council in April.

The City applied for and received two grants to help finance several components of the plan.

8. Selection of Environmental Recognition Award Subcommittee

Charles Ehrlich and Doug Fetterly both volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Jennifer Holman was absent but was also nominated.

Dean Newberry moved to have the above three commissioners on the subcommittee but if Jennifer could not participate the subcommittee would consist of just Charles and Doug. Motion was seconded by Adrienne Kandel and approved by the Commission.

9. Comprehensive Long Range Calendar for 2010

After much discussion, the Commission agreed on the following list of items for future research, discussion and action:

- a. water conservation
- b. energy efficiency
- c. zero waste
- d. plastic bags - nonrecyclable
- e. native plant conservation
- f. organic waste collection
- g. leaf blowers
- h. renewable plastics
- i. wood smoke
- j. waste to energy
- k. stormwater runoff

Additionally, it was decided that the Commission would begin pursuit of these interests

by selecting subcommittees to research the issues and bring back a report to the Commission. The first three subcommittees were selected for the first three topics.

	Issue	Subcommittee Members	Tentative dates to bring report to Commission
A	Water conservation	Charles Ehrlich, Mark Lubell	April and July
B	Energy efficiency	Charles Ehrlich, Doug Fetterly	June
C	Zero waste	Dean Newberry, Adrienne Kandel	October

Outlines from these subcommittees will be due at the next meeting, March 22.

Subcommittee updates will be a regular item on future agendas.

At the end of the meeting, Brook Gale announced that he would be moving out of town shortly and could no longer remain on the Commission.

Adjourn: 9:37 pm