



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

The Environmental Commission convened in a public meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 with Social Distancing Modifications via remote video conferencing.

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Perry Bedford
Haris Qureshi
Rachel Scott
Katie Coyne
Audrey Barrett Bixler
Linda Guerrero
Kevin Ramberg
Rick Brimer**

Commissioners Absent:

**Pam Thompson
Jennifer Bristol**

Staff in Attendance:

**Kaela Champlin
Sara Hartley
Liz Johnston
Keith Mars
Atha Phillips
Naomi Rotramel**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Guerrero called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first ten speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.
None

1. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Review of key watershed regulations in City Code Chapter 25-8—Atha Phillips, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- b. Heritage Tree Ordinance 101—Naomi Rotramel, City Arborist, Development Services Department and Keith Mars, Community Tree Preservation Division Manager, Development Services Department

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Discuss returning to in-person meetings in September and pilot program for hybrid meetings

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- b. Refresher on boards and commissions rules

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. Review the purview of the Environmental Commission

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- d. Discuss the Environmental Commission's goals and objectives for the new calendar year (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)

Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Guerrero adjourned the meeting at 9:04 P.M.

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