



**Climate Action Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Present: 2 - Chair Chris Rogers, and Council Member Victoria Fleming

Absent: 1 - Mayor Natalie Rogers

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APRIL 3, 2024 - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

The April 3, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane DeWitt spoke about air pollution and how children are negatively affected by small particulate matter. Also spoke regarding the loss of trees throughout the City and ways to help combat the loss.

Beth Brown spoke about the City of Petaluma and their tree program. Also spoke about having a standing agenda item to address tree canopy and tree equity.

Michael Pelt spoke about finding ways to educate department heads and staff on the importance of greening and start to find solutions for replanting.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 UPDATE ON ARTIFICIAL TURF RESTRICTIONS INVESTIGATION

The Santa Rosa City Council's Fiscal Year 2023-24 work plan includes the investigation of the feasibility of city-wide restrictions on artificial turf installations. Staff first presented background information at the October 4, 2023 Climate Action Subcommittee and received direction. Staff are returning to respond to the subcommittee's questions and seeking further direction on this issue.

Peter Martin, Deputy Director - Water Resources with Santa Rosa Water, Scott Wilkinson, Parks Planner with Recreation and Parks, and Jimmy Bliss, Chief Building Official with Planning and Economic Development presented and answered Subcommittee Member questions.

Beth Brown spoke in favor of an artificial turf ban.

Christoph Macho spoke against an artificial turf ban.

Duane DeWitt spoke in favor of an artificial turf ban.

6.2 CITY-WIDE FLEET ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN

Staff will provide an update on the development of the city-wide Fleet Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Master Plan, consistent with recently adopted statewide regulations for municipal vehicle fleets, council goals, and other city policies. The Subcommittee may discuss this item and provide feedback or direction to staff.

Peter Martin, Deputy Director - Water Resources with Santa Rosa Water, presented.

Michael Pelt cautioned against removing trees to complete the City-wide fleet electric vehicle infrastructure master plan.

Duane DeWitt spoke about making sure implementation of this plan does not interfere with current lifestyles of schools, hospitals, and other facilities.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 UPCOMING MEETINGS LIST - SEPTEMBER 2024

This item was provided for information only.

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding "neighbor-woods" and believes the City could benefit from having new development plant new trees as part of their new builds, and look at how the City's mitigations are currently being implemented and monitored.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m. The next Climate Action Subcommittee is scheduled for October 2, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.