

Minutes of Winters CAP Development Board, 9/24/2020

Called to order 5:34 PM

Present: Jenn, Ken, Shawn, Kelly, Carol, Kristine, Kate

[Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes from 9/10/2020 and, if received, Meeting Minutes from 7/23/2020](#)

Minutes from 7/23 still unavailable.

Minutes for 9/10: Edit: Kate should be added to roll. With this edit, approved unanimously.

[PUBLIC COMMENTS](#)

Kate updates us on what's going on in the Putah Creek Committee. They are considering expanding to a broader purview with a rename to something like the Putah Natural Resources Committee. Kate suggests that the standing commission that will be chartered for implementation of CAP items should work with this committee to coordinate on plans of common interest (e.g., Urban Forest action items).

[BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS](#)

[1. Review extension proposal put together by Ken.](#)

Gar joins meeting.

Gar's suggestion for modified wording (adding "add options" to first sentence of third paragraph) is discussed and accepted.

Discussion of how to refer to Chris Flores, and decide to use "City liason".

Unanimously approved.

[2. Discussion on back-up generators for the city and the recommendation of the board/where to include it in the CAP](#)

Extensive and wide-ranging discussion on this point. While there is general agreement that the installation of diesel generators is not consistent with CAP goals, there is no consensus on taking action at this point, given the advanced status of the projects.

Agreed that such projects should be mentioned (as counter-examples) in the Municipal Operations section.

Possibly raise the concern with City Council for future, similar projects. Carol mentions one specific project, a new well on the north side of town, and the idea of powering this with solar or other green energy was discussed, and should also possibly be included in the CAP as a suggestion for the City.

Another potential green energy project was the emergency backup power system for the Senior Center.

Some discussion of the City engineering staff and mechanisms, and it was concluded that an action item for the future commission would be to make sure that green energy alternatives were

considered at the engineering stage.

There was discussion of more generally describing Winters as a “Green city” in the CAP, and following through with actions. But Kate raised the counterpoint view that not everyone in local politics would view this idea positively, that it might be viewed in the light of excessive regulation, and that we should strive whenever possible to use terms like “resilient” that are viewed positively by people of all political persuasions.

3. Status of how rewrites are going for:
 - a. Executive Summary, Introduction and Overview - Gar
 - b. Mobility – Ken and Shawn
 - c. Building and Infrastructure – Jenn and Kelly
 - d. Urban Forest and Open Space – Jenn and Ken
 - e. Water and Waste – Jenn and Kelly
 - f. Community Engagement – Sam and Shawn
 - g. Municipal Operations - Gar

It was suggested and agreed that community engagement should be filled in after the rest of the content is in place. Likewise, Jenn suggested that the introductory material should also be written after the rest of the content is in good shape.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.