



Climate Action Commission Meeting

Teleconference Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2022 6:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

Commission Members

Ken Britten

Gar House

Patrick Wall

Woody Fridae

David Springer

PLEASE NOTE – The numerical order of items on this agenda is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order upon request of the Commission Members. Public comments time may be limited, and speakers will be asked to state their name.

Pledge

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on matters, which are not listed on this agenda. Citizens should reserve their comments for matter listed on this agenda at the time the item is considered by the Commission. An exception is made for members of the public for whom it would create a hardship to stay until their item is heard. Those individuals may address the item after the public has spoken on issues that are not listed on the agenda. Presentations may be limited to accommodate all speakers within the time available. Public comments may also be continued to later in the meeting should the time allotted for public comment expire.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and non-controversial, require no discussion, and are expected to have unanimous Council support and may be enacted by the City Council in one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. However, before the Commission votes on the motion to adopt, members of the Commission, staff, or the public may request that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action. Items(s) removed will be discussed later in the meeting as time permits.

A. Approval of September 12, 2022 Minutes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Urban Forestry and Climate Action Programs
- B. Ongoing Items
 - a. Work Plan
 - b. Reports from Working Groups
 - c. Suggestions for future agenda items

ADJOURNMENT

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the October 10, 2022 regular meeting of the Climate Action Commission was posted on the City of Winters website at www.cityofwinters.org and Commission Members were notified via e-mail of its' availability. A copy of the foregoing agenda was also posted on the outside public bulletin board at City Hall, 318 First Street on October 7, 2022, and made available to the public during normal business hours.

Ellena Branson

Ellena Branson
Deputy City Clerk

MINUTES: Winters Climate Action Commission

September 12, 2022 meeting, 6:30pm

6:30 Kirk arranged to record meeting for the secretary

6:35 Meeting called to order by Chair Ken Britten

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call: ALL commissioners and our city staff lead were present

- Ken Britten, Chair
- David Springer, Vice Chair
- Gar House
- Woody Fridae
- Patrick Wall, Secretary
- Kirk Skierski, Senior Planner, City of Winters
- Kathleen Tropa, City Manager, and a couple of community members / observers were present intermittently

Minutes of August 2022 meeting were not available. They will be distributed and approved at our October meeting together with these minutes.

Approval of agenda ✓

Approval of Resolution 2022-01 (AB 361 provision for virtual meetings)

General public comments: NONE

We agree not to make use of Zoom's Chat feature because of Brown Act. (Chat comments would not be visible to the public.)

CHARTER and WORK PLAN

At our August meeting, Chair (Ken) and Vice-Chair (David) were selected by the group to formulate a draft Work Plan based on our CHARTER (adopted by City Council 7/20/21). Their draft was distributed to commissioners in advance of this September meeting.

Woody suggested adding a plank—that one very important PURPOSE of our commission is to **recommend climate policy to City Council**, such as proposing climate-related amendments to our municipal code, general plan, or zoning ordinances. His suggestion met with general approval.

The draft WORK PLAN lists several “focus areas” for climate action. We agreed to begin work on the first two:

1. Identify grant funding opportunities to support development of infrastructure that will increase resilience and reduce carbon emissions
2. Public information dissemination and community engagement

David suggested modifying the first focus area to include ALL **incentives** that might become available. His suggestion met with general approval.

Specific public comments on CHARTER and WORK PLAN: NONE

We feel good about this draft Work Plan, including the proposed emendations noted above. We will re-visit the plan at our October meeting, formally approve it, and send it on to City Council for consideration--tentatively at their November meeting.

So...it’s time to get to work!

Work groups consisting of two members each were now selected.

- Ken and David will begin work on Focus Area #1 (identifying grant funding & other incentives)
- Gar and Woody will begin work on Focus Area #2 (public info dissemination)

Kirk noted that outside experts may be included in these work groups without infringing on the Brown Act.

FUTURE PRIORITIES

We began initial discussion of future work plan priorities. This will include:

- How we intend to interact with **other public entities** that are pursuing similar goals (locally, countywide, regional, statewide)
- Establishment of a **resource library** for use of commissioners and/or the general public. This would likely be a web site (or sites) containing links to documents and web pages that might prove useful in our work
- Greenhouse gas reduction benchmarking, quantification and goal setting
- Discussion of climate change **adaptation** in addition to **mitigation**

This discussion will continue at our October meeting.

8:05 Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Next meeting: Monday October 10, 6:30pm on Zoom

Patrick Wall, Secretary