

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING TIME HAS BEEN ADJUSTED TO 7PM FOR THIS MEETING ONLY



Climate Action Commission Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2023, **7:00 p.m.**
318 First Street, Abbey Street Conference Room Entrance

AGENDA

Commission Members

Ken Britten

Gar House

Olivia Rodriguez

Melanie Ellison

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.

Open Public Hearing 6:30pm

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. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2023

DISCUSSION ITEMS 6:40pm

- A. Introduction of new City Manager Jeremy Craig
- B. Reports from Working Groups
- C. Bike-friendliness project
 - a. Review map rough draft (attachment)
- D. Bike rack update
- E. Prioritization of future agenda items

ADJOURNMENT 8:00pm

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the November 13, 2023, 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 November 9, 2023, and made available to the public during normal business hours.

Ellena Branson, Deputy City Clerk

Winters Climate Action Commission

MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Chair, Ken Britten

ROLL CALL

The following commissioners were present:

Ken Britten, Chair
David Springer, Co-Chair
Gar House

Also present:

Carol Scianna, City Council liaison
(With the resignation of Senior Planner Kirk Skierski no city staff representatives attended)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were in attendance.

CONSENT CALENDAR: The following items were approved by unanimous vote.

- Approval of July 10, 2023 Minutes (August and September meetings were cancelled)
- Approval of the agenda. A discussion of the next Winters Express article was added as Item C.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Reports from Working Groups

No reports were submitted by the Grants & Incentives, Public Information and Community Engagement, or City Policy Working Groups.

B. Bike-friendliness update / Bike Rack Update

Carol announced that ten bike racks were ordered at the end of September that match the descriptions provided in the packet for this meeting. Delivery is expected 4-6 weeks from the order date. They are not stainless steel as requested but the powder coating is expected to hold up well.

The signs to accompany the racks have not been ordered. Discussion followed regarding how to design the maps that will be accessed from the QR codes on the signs. The City would maintain them and Elena and the City Manager will have access. The city website is under revision by a consultant that has been retained.

The bike routes can be color-coded to reflect the type of bike lane, e.g. shared sidewalks, parking lanes, and separated paths (the creek nature trail). Ken volunteered to prepare a first draft of the routes. Carol noted that Nieman is being

resurfaced and “fog lines” can be added to Nieman and Hemenway to designate unofficial (not Class II) lanes, but wider lanes than currently exist.

Gar suggested that the maps identify safety areas and ways to get around them. The two problem areas that were identified were the Railroad & Grant intersection and Grant & Main on the west side of town (bikes don’t trigger the signal).

The idea of a north-south bikeway on the east side of Railroad from Main to Nieman that was discussed in a prior meeting was raised again. Carol indicated the plot map does not have sufficient resolution and a title search would be needed to identify landowners who would be affected, including Marianis and Double M Trucking. Incentives may be needed if they are giving up land. This plan could tie into Corinne Martinez’s desire for a green space encircling Winters for pedestrians. Ken agreed to bring it up with the Natural Resources Commission. A next step would be to develop a presentation on the vision.

C. Monthly Winters Express Article – Climate in Town

David circulated a draft of an article describing how Valley Clean Energy provides clean power, program offerings, and other information (attached). Concern was expressed about a conflict of interest given David’s role as a volunteer member of VCE’s Community Advisory Committee. Carol said she would provide the email contact for city attorney Martin Delosangeles so David can have him review it. Gar will ask Melanie if she will draft the next article.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

















Carol said Winters’ new City Manager, Jeremy Craig, will start November 1. Ken will ask Elena Branson if it would be appropriate to invite him to our next meeting.

Next meeting: November 13, 2023 @ 7:00 pm




Meeting adjourned, 7:50 PM

Winters bike routes

existing bike lanes

-  E main
-  W Main S
-  W Main N
-  W Grant
-  E Baker
-  W Baker
-  4th
-  Russell St.
-  N PC bike path 1
-  N PC bike path 2
-  N PC bike path 3
-  Bike bridge
-  E Grant
-  1st
-  Legend 1
-  Legend 2



-  Recommended
-  Off-street path
-  Parking