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# Agenda

## Sustainability Task Force

A Committee of the Chico City Council

Meeting of Thursday, June 22, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Conference Room No. 1 in the Council Chambers

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVE MAY 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**  
*Draft 05/11/17 minutes attached.*
3. **CHICO'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS' EFFORTS TO REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS (Butte College, CSU, Chico, and Chico Unified School District staff)** – CSU, Chico, Butte College, and Chico Unified School District staff will provide updates on completed and planned efforts of those institutions to reduce GHG emissions.
4. **CHANGE DATE FOR OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> STF MEETING (STF Chair Stemen)** – Due to scheduling conflicts it is necessary to identify an alternate date for the scheduled October 26<sup>th</sup> STF meeting.
5. **MILLION WATT CHALLENGE – UPDATE AND FUTURE PLANNING/PRIORITIES (Principal Planner Vieg, CivicSpark Member Goldstein)** – Update and planning priorities for the Million Watt Challenge.
6. **WE ARE STILL IN (STF Chair Stemen)** - A coalition of US economic, education, and local government leaders recently announced they will continue to abide by the Paris Agreement regardless of America's withdrawal, forming the We Are Still In movement. Chair Stemen will provide an update on that group's efforts.
7. **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS** - These items are provided for the STF's information. Although the STF may discuss the items, no action can be taken at the meeting. Should the STF determine that action is required, an item may be included on a subsequent agenda.
8. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR** - Members of the public may address the STF at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes. The STF cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.
9. **ADJOURNMENT** - Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2017.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** 05/11/17 STF Meeting Minutes (Draft)

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### **Sustainability Task Force Members:**

Cheri Chastain, Vice Chair  
Lucas RossMerz

Dave Donnan  
Mark Stemen, Chair

William Loker

**CITY OF CHICO SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
May 11, 2017**

Municipal Center  
421 Main Street  
Council Chambers, Conference Rm. 1

STF Members Present: Mark Stemen, Chair  
Cheri Chastain, Vice Chair  
Dave Donnan  
William Loker  
Lucas RossMerz

STF Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner  
Bryce Goldstein, CivicSpark Member  
Leo DePaola, Building Official  
Brendan Ottoboni, Public Works Director  
Wyatt West, Assistant Civil Engineer (Traffic)

Guests Present: Janine Rood, Chico Velo  
Taylor Sinclair, Tehama Group  
Gabby Miller, Tehama Group  
Angela Casler, Chico Chamber  
Florin Dernharl

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stemen called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm. STF members, City staff, and guests were present as noted.

**2. APPROVE MARCH 9, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

*The 03/09/17 STF Meeting Minutes were approved 4-0.*

**3. COORDINATION/SUPPORT REGARDING BICYCLE-RELATED EFFORTS CITY-WIDE**

Brendan Ottoboni, Public Works Director, Wyatt West, City Traffic Engineer, and Janine Rood, Chico Velo, provided the STF with updates and recommendations to promote bicycle-related efforts in the community.

The following topics were discussed:

- Recently completed and upcoming bicycle infrastructure projects were highlighted, including Esplanade improvements, Bikeway 99/Phase 4, a ped/bike overcrossing at 20<sup>th</sup> Street near Mall, Ivy Street bike lane striping, Nord “road diet”, Comanche Creek improvements Phase II.
- The City received Bicycle Friendly Community Gold Award due to the ongoing efforts of Chico Velo, the City, and others. This status will help the City to receive additional grant monies for bicycle infrastructure.
- The “public review” Bike Master Plan Update will be available in June.
- The Chico Velo Wildflower event was a grand success.
- With the elimination of the Bike Advisory Committee, a Bike & Pedestrian Working Group, which includes members from the City, University, Chico Velo and others, has been created. The Group meets one hour every month and provides critical community input on bike-related efforts. The Group has proven to be extremely effective, and inquired if an STF member would like be involved. The STF suggested that it might be appropriate to have a BCAG staff member on the Working Group.
- STF offered to post the Working Group’s agendas on the [www.chicosustainability.net](http://www.chicosustainability.net) webpage.
- The STF requested to see the City’s Bike Friendly Community application and the draft Bike Master Plan.
- The STF offered to help with public outreach and events to promote bike safety and ridership.

#### **4. UPDATE REGARDING RESIDENTIAL REMODEL RETROFIT ORDINANCE**

Building Official DePaola and STF Chair Stemen provided an overview of the City’s effort to date to adopt a residential remodel retrofit ordinance. The STF worked with the Building Official to draft residential remodel building code language that would require a homeowner to install basic energy efficiency measures for the entire home if the remodel exceeded fifty percent of the existing floor area of the structure. The City Attorney’s office determined that adoption of an ordinance must be accompanied by a study that shows how the proposed energy saving standards are cost-effective. A draft cost-effective study has been prepared by PG&E and others. DePaola has been coordinating with PG&E on the results, and the next step is preparation of a final report.

The STF asked a number of questions regarding the draft results.

There was mutual praise for Chico’s role in leading an effort that can be used by other communities throughout the State. DePaola plans to utilize the finalized cost-effective study to bring forward a residential remodel retrofit ordinance for Council action later in 2017.

#### **5. MILLION WATT CHALLENGE – UPDATE AND FUTURE PLANNING/PRIORITIES**

Principal Planner Vieg provided the STF with an update regarding the Million Watt Challenge,

including the efforts of the Challenge partners, performance of the webpage and Facebook, the booth mechanics, status of the neighborhood workshops and Biz Expo/Happy Hour, and the effort to accumulate prizes for raffles and giveaways.

The following topics were discussed:

- There is a need for additional prizes and STF members were asked to assist.
- Suggestion to have Million Watt Challenge Booth at some Chico Heat games, and to have Chico Mayor acknowledge the Million Watt Challenge.
- Participation in raffles for grand prizes should require participation in “Enter Your Watts!” survey.
- Media needs to be invited to visit Challenge Booth and spread the word.
- There needs to be a better link to “Enter Your Watts!” survey from Facebook page.
- There should be an effort to create a special event to highlight the grand prize giveaway.

## 6. **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Principal Planner Vieg shared that the Local Government Commission has approved a half-time CivicSpark member for the City for FY2017/18 who will be shared with Butte County. The member will be coordinating with CSU, Chico and Butte County and support efforts required by State law to incorporate strategies for climate adaptation and resiliency.

STF member Chastain urged the STF members to participate in the National Bike Month.

STF member Chastain reminded the STF that the Sustainability Business Expo/Happy Hour is next Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Sierra Nevada Brewery, and asked that members help spread the word.

## 7. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Florin Dernharl shared with the STF that she thinks BCAG should utilize hybrid buses for its B-Line service.

## 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business from the STF, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm to the meeting of Thursday, June 9, 2017. **The STF was invited to visit the Million Watt Challenge Booth at the Thursday Night Market following the meeting.**

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Date Approved

Brendan Vieg, Principal Planner