



Agenda

Sustainability Task Force

A Committee of the Chico City Council

Meeting of Thursday, November 9, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, **Conference Room No. 2** in the Council Chambers

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

2. **APPROVE SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

Draft 09/14/17 minutes attached.

3. **DISCUSSION OF CHICO'S URBAN FOREST AND ITS ROLE IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE (Richard Bamlet, Chico's Urban Forester and Charles Withuhn, Chico Tree Advocates)** – A

discussion of ongoing and future efforts to improve the health of Chico's urban forest, the importance of trees in reducing greenhouse gases, and how a shaded community is adaptive and resilient to warming temperatures.

4. **2017/18 CIVICSPARK INITIATIVE: CLIMATE ADAPTATION (CivicSpark Member Marcussen)** – The STF will receive an update regarding the effort to develop of long-term strategies for mitigating anticipated local impacts of climate change. This year's CivicSpark Member is coordinating with CSU, Chico, and City and Butte County staff, in the development of a Draft Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment that identifies risks climate change poses to the community, and will also prepare draft adaptation and resiliency goals, policies, and objectives.

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** - Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2017

ATTACHMENT(S): 09/14/17 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
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

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

STF Members Present: Mark Stemen, Chair
Cheri Chastain, Vice Chair
Lucas RossMerz

STF Members Absent: Dave Donnan
William Loker

Staff Members Present: Brendan Vieg, Deputy Director, CDD
Leo DePaola, Director, CDD

Guests Present: Bryce Goldstein
Angela Casler, Chamber
Taylor Rindfleisch
Dustin Daniels

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stemen called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. STF members, City staff, and guests were present as noted.

2. APPROVE JUNE 22, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The 06/22/17 STF Meeting Minutes were approved 3-0.

3. COST-EFFECTIVENESS STUDY TO SUPPORT PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL REMODEL ORDINANCE

CDD Director DePaola provided a history of the effort to develop a draft residential remodel ordinance 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 proposed ordinance closely mirrors the City’s Residential Energy Conservation Ordinance, which requires similar energy efficiency upgrades at the time of sale of a home. In its review of the proposed ordinance language, the City Attorney’s office determined that while the City is allowed to adopt energy standards that are more stringent than statewide standards, the adoption must be accompanied by a “cost-effectiveness” study. A draft study has been prepared and was shared with the STF.

The following topics were discussed by the STF:

- DePaola met with the North Valley Property Owners Association, and key individuals shared support for the study and ordinance
- DePaola will meet with other key stakeholders to garner support for the ordinance and return to STF with draft ordinance
- The draft study was done very well, and DePaola is coordinating with PG&E to make minor edits
- PG&E has offered to attend future Council meeting to support staff and share how study was developed

4. 2017/18 CIVICSPARK INITIATIVE: CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Deputy Director Vieg and STF Chair Stemen provided the STF with an update regarding the efforts of next year's CivicSpark Fellow, which will focus on the development of long-term strategies for mitigating anticipated local impacts of climate change. The Fellow will coordinate with CSU, Chico, and City and Butte County staff, in the development of a Draft Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment that identifies risks climate change poses to the community, and also prepare draft adaptation and resiliency goals, policies, and objectives. These will ultimately be refined and, per State requirements, be incorporated in the Safety Element of the General Plan.

5. CHANGE DATE FOR OCTOBER 26th STF MEETING

STF Chair Stemen highlighted the need to identify an alternative date for the scheduled October 26th STF meeting due to absences, and recommended that the date be changed to November 9th.

The STF directed that the meeting date be changed to November 9th.

6. MILLION WATT CHALLENGE – UPDATE

CivicSpark Member Goldstein and Deputy Director Vieg provided the STF with an update regarding the Million Watt Challenge, and the conclusion of the effort.

Bryce was given a proclamation of appreciation from the Sustainability Task Force.

7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Director Vieg shared that he had participated in a kick-off first meeting held by BCAG in preparation of the Butte PEV Readiness Plan.

STF member RossMerz shared that he'll be attending the September 25, 2017 CalAPA Best Practices Conference that will focus on strategies for local jurisdictions to implement ambitious state policies and programs.

8. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business from the STF, the meeting adjourned at 6:17pm to the meeting of Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Date Approved

Brendan Vieg, Deputy Director, CDD