



Peninsula Community Planning Board Environmental Committee May 26, 2021 Draft Minutes

Parks and Recreation Subcommittee
May 26th, 2021 meeting

Zoom conference

General

Meeting called to order by Mandy Havlik at 5:36 pm.

Present: Eva Schmitt, Mandy Havlik, Angela Vedder, Tina Compton, Margaret Virissimo, Brad Herrin

Approval of the previous meeting minutes. Mandy makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Eva seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

2. Action Items (action is not required to be taken)

a. Approval of interested community members to the ad-hoc committee. Applicant: Leah Schaperow

Margaret makes a motion to allow Leah to become a community member. Eva seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. 5-0

b. Review and approve mission statement for committee charter: "The Environmental Committee advises City Council and Mayor in such areas as open space, water resource management, soil control, noise control, recycling, waste management, air quality, global warming and anticipates sea-level rise, and other environmental concerns. The committee makes recommendations regarding environmental programs and issues and helps educate its citizens in sound environmental practices. The Committee reviews environmental impact studies related to properties and development. Additionally, the committee serves as the board liaison to local high-school level students."

Margaret believes the statement is too long and should be reduced. "Standing committee of the PCPB and advises the community and board on environmental issues" should be included in the mission statement.

Brad states these statements can be included under goals rather than the mission statement.

Mandy makes a motion to approve the updated mission statement. Angela seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. 5-0

Eva suggests bringing this to the board at the next meeting as a two-part action item; to approve the mission statement and changing the bylaws to establish this as a permanent subcommittee under the community planning board ad-hoc committee.

Brad suggests that the rhetoric used is "Climate Crisis" rather than "Climate Change."

c. Recommendation to stand up the Environmental Ad-hoc Committee as a permanent subcommittee under the Peninsula Community Planning Board

Moved to agenda item C from D.

Mandy shared a prepared motion, "The PCPB recommends to amend the bylaws and add the Ad-hoc Environmental committee as a permanent standing subcommittee under the Peninsula Community Planning Board, with the following mission statement and goals...."

Mandy makes a motion to approve the mission statement. Eva seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

d. Start the process of establishing a high school student liaison position. (Application, Applicant requirements, voting rules, strategy, community outreach, timeline)

Moved to agenda item D from C.

Mandy suggests that a youth advocate could participate on the subcommittee level as an active community member. They may not be able to vote if not 18, but there can be a guarantee of participation. The committee can provide a letter of recommendation at the end of their involvement.

Eva suggests that the only requirement is that they must attend a school within the boundary, even if they are not a resident.

Meeting adjourned.