



**CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION**

City Hall Council Chamber  
11 English Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 09, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**  
**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Amy Atchley, Ann Baker, Dan Ellecamp, Ben Peters, John Shribbs  
ABSENT: David Gartí, Ann Edminster

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

During **General Public Comment**, the public is invited to make comments on items of public interest that are within the City Council's subject matter jurisdiction and that are not listed on the current agenda. Public comments are limited up to three minutes per person. Depending on the number of persons wishing to address the Council, time will be allocated in equal shares totaling no more than twenty minutes, subject to the Council's discretion (Cal. Gov't. Code §54954.3(a), Petaluma City Council Rules, Policies and Procedures, III).

General Public Comment – Brisco  
General Public Comment – McGavin – 1  
General Public Comment – McGavin – 2  
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General Public Comment – McGavin – 4  
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Sherry Stern

Jack Rasmussen

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**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation by Cool Petaluma Regarding Recent and Upcoming Activities

Deb Fox gave presentation and update for the Cool Petaluma recent and upcoming activities.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of February 8, 2024. Regular Minutes of Climate Action Meeting of February 8, 2024, were approved as presented.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3. Receive a presentation and provide feedback related to the Draft Transportation Policy Framework and the Draft Natural Environmental Policy Framework as part of foundational work on the General Plan Update.

Presented and Answered Questions:  
Christina Paul, General Plan Manager  
Ron Whitmore, Raimi + Associates  
Kelly Bond, Fehr & Peers  
Matt Goyne, Fehr & Peers  
Della Acosta, Rincon Consultants, Inc.

Presenters gave presentation and held discussion with Commissionmembers. Encouraged all Commissionmembers/Public to turn in their feedback forms. For more information go to: [Policy Framework Page — Petaluma General Plan Update \(planpetaluma.org\)](https://www.planpetaluma.org)

Natural Environment Feedback:

- Encourage Adaptation measures listed and cross referenced as necessary in appropriate documents
- Concerns with wildlife corridor details being provided
- Encourage a cohesive vision; i.e., River Enhancement plans
- Bikeways need to be greener on off road pathways
- Recommend appropriate lighting systems on paths
- Work closely with regional efforts
- Need to know how, what, who and where
- Encourage Storm Water Management Plan to be included in this effort
- Recommend first flush mitigations to be addressed
- Native Americans – address to make more inclusive
- Manage fisheries
- Holistic approaches encouraged

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#### TRANSPORTATION FEEDBACK:

- Too much repetitiveness
- Holistic approaches encouraged
- Maps to be updated and have more connections; add Amtrak, Grayhound and Broom (SC Airporter) to network providers.
- Goal 1:
  - ⇒ Stronger language
  - ⇒ Develop green street standards and complete in a low carb manner
  - ⇒ 1.3 (prioritize) – mention transportation along the river
  - ⇒ Reduce speeds overall
- Goal 2:
  - ⇒ Encourage SMART and buses to have e-bike and scooter rebates for last mile
  - ⇒ Develop EV System Master Plan for public
  - ⇒ Make 2.2 a priority
- Goal 3
  - ⇒ Need wayfinding for toilets
  - ⇒ Make mobility and transit hub the same
  - ⇒ Encourage grants for this effort
  - ⇒ Consideration of a Policy for Safe Routes to School
  - ⇒ Make 3.5 a Priority
- Goal 4
  - ⇒ How important does impartiality need to be?
  - ⇒ Consider enhancing traffic enforcement (speed cameras)
  - ⇒ Safety on sidewalks; i.e., for people to get around with focus on the elderly
  - ⇒ Allow bicycles to be on sidewalks if a safety concern
  - ⇒ Have speed enforcement on pathways
  - ⇒ Create a Parking Policy Master Plan
- Goal 5:
  - ⇒ Use airport as a transport hub i.e., taxis
  - ⇒ Change paid parking to dynamically priced parking
- Goal 6:
  - ⇒ 6.4 Deliver Projects efficiently and “Low Carbon”
  - ⇒ Encourage to add policy to strengthen partnerships with data partners
  - ⇒ Promote a transit hub
  - ⇒ Available Transit map apps at all schools

Note: See feedback forms attached to the Agenda for more/additional comments from Commissionmembers.

**COMMISSION COMMENT**

Commissionmember Atchley  
Chair Peters  
Councilmember Shribbs

**STAFF COMMENT**

Patrick Carter gave project updates to the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Peters adjourned meeting at 10:02pm.