



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

City Hall Council Chamber  
11 English Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952

**DRAFT MINUTES  
Thursday, January 11, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER** – 6:30pm

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Amy Atchley, Ann Baker, Ann Edminister, David Gardi, Ben Peters,  
John Shribbs  
ABSENT: Dan Ellecamp, Allen Phuong (recently resigned on 01/17/24)

**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 OPENED

Nickola Frye

General PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

**PRESENTATIONS** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of December 14, 2023.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

### 2. Climate Action Commissioners Will Discuss Ad Hoc Consolidated Recommendations for the Blueprint for Carbon Neutrality

Patrick Carter and Commissionmember Edminster – Introduced and gave presentation.

Rhianna Frank – Noted this is her last Commission meeting for this body as accepted a position with the County.

Heather Hines, Community Development and Eric Yurkovich, Raimi + Associates held discussion and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissionmember Feedback:

- A Spanish version of the Executive Summary to be available
- Recommended Cornerstone actions to be listed in the General Plan *(Staff noted this list will be a later add on to the General Plan)*
- Suggested this body be engaged in this effort
- Recommend a clear and clean Adaptation Plan to include regional efforts
- Agrees with proposed name change
- These efforts to be a part of City culture
- Develop transparent/streamlined processes
- Need more resources

PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED

Andy Shrader  
Deb Fox

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

Commissionmember Cornerstone Action Feedback:

Cornerstone #12

- Change to a strategy not a program

- Make efforts easy for the public to complete. Develop processes and strategies to streamline; i.e., permitting process

#### Cornerstone #1

- Need more resources devoted to this effort and have more power
- Projects should include climate action efforts, when necessary

#### Cornerstone #2:

- Need cost assessments
- Recommend developing a clear stakeholder process
- Change the word “budget”; i.e., change to “spending plans”

#### Cornerstone #3:

- Make a city culture
- Craft solutions

#### Cornerstone #4:

- Look at household fuel use
- Set clear targets
- Look at how to change our practices
- Include offsets
- Determine accountabilities for all
- Move 4C to Adaptation
- Encourage more regional work
- Meet goals as best we can without focusing on accuracy

#### Cornerstone #5: No further comment

#### Cornerstone #6:

- Need Resource Center with live bodies for people to walk up to and talk to.
- Need better on-line resources

#### Cornerstone #7:

- Change the words “consumption-based emissions” to be more positive; i.e., “learn to live small”

Chair Peters announced break from 8:35pm to 8:45pm

Reconvened meeting at 8:49pm

#### Cornerstone #8:

- Include microbility concepts
- Incorporate 70% mode shift
- Mention the ATP

Cornerstone #9:

- Make broader transit actions

Cornerstone #10:

- Seek grants to incorporate EV cars at multi-family locations
- Recommend EV to be available at workplaces first
- Include shared transports
- Encourage smaller vehicles
- Recommend level one charging
- Use word “strategies” instead of program
- Encourage 110 charge stations
- Partner with other agencies; i.e., Sonoma Clean Power, Evergreen

Cornerstone #11 – No additional comments

Cornerstone #13 - #19

Heather Hines gave further clarifications.

Cornerstone #17:

- Make this cornerstone more impactful

Cornerstone #18:

- Add incentives to trade in equipment
- Recommend education for biogas awareness

Cornerstone #19:

- Recommend putting under structural recommendations

Commissionmember Consensus:

It was determined that Raimi + Associates, and staff Heather Hines, will review all comments, create draft, discuss with Ad Hoc Committee and bring the draft back to this body for further comments and/or approval of recommendations.

## **COMMISSION COMMENT**

Commissionmembers gave a warm thank you to Rhianna Frank for her service.

Councilmember Shribbs

**STAFF COMMENT** - None

**ADJOURNMENT -**

Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 10:17pm.