



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

City Hall Council Chamber
11 English Street
Petaluma, CA 94952

**DRAFT MINUTES
Thursday, April 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Edminster called the meeting to order at 06:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Ann Baker

Panama Bartholomy, Vice Chair

Ann Edminster, Chair

David Garti

Net Orrett

Ben Peters

John Shribbs

ABSENT:

Allen Phuong

Julia Hudson

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).

Public Comment #1 – Susan Kirks – Posted on 04/17/23

Public Comment – #2 Susan Kirks – Posted on 04/17/23

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Approval of Minutes for the meeting of March 9, 2023.

To be published the week of April 10, on or before April 13, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Presentation from the Petaluma Equitable Climate Action Coalition (PECAC) Sharing Recommendations to Improve Equity Through Transportation

PRESENTATIONS

PECAC Presentation

General Public Comment #1 via Email – Read by Staff Liaison

General Public Comment #1 – Taryn Obaid

General Public Comment #2 – Mora

Comment by Council Liaison

3. American Institute of Architects' Sustainable Design Assistance Team Presentation

Chair Edminster spoke

4. Artificial Turf Discussion

Comment by Ned Orrett

Comment by Dave Garti

Comment by John Shribbs

Comment by Ann Baker

Staff Liaison read letters from the public

Member of the public spoke

Comment by John Shribbs

Comment by Dave Garti

Comment by Ann Baker

Ann Baker made a motion to recommend to Council that they adopt a resolution to discontinue new installations of artificial turf for the following reasons: microplastic pollution, extreme heat effects, it is non-recyclable, it doesn't meet our waste goals, player injury and carbon accounting.

Panama Bartholomy seconded the motion.

Ann Edminster appended the motion to request the Council adopt a policy of conversion of non-active turf areas and replace them with a nature-based solution including no-mow and alternative plantings with a preference for native vegetation.

Ann Baker spoke about a policy of replacing non-active turf areas with non-turf ground covers and over time converting existing astroturf fields with natural grass.

Ann Edminster made a motion for a vote.

Vote: 7-0

Yes:

Ann Baker

Panama Bartholomy, Vice Chair

Ann Edminster, Chair

David Garti

Net Orrett

Ben Peters

John Shribbs

No: None

5. Discussion of Endorsing ReLeaf's and Urban Chat's Letters to Council at their Priority Workshop

Comment by Ann Edminster

Comment by Ann Baker

Comment by John Shribbs

Ann Baker made a motion to endorse ReLeaf's Letter to Council, which was seconded by Dave Garti.

Panama Bartholomy made a motion to recommend the Urban Chat letter to City Council and the General Plan Advisory Committee for their consideration and goal setting. Ned Orrett seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously with one abstention from John Shribbs.

Vote: 7-0

Yes:

Ann Baker

Panama Bartholomy, Vice Chair

Ann Edminster, Chair

David Garti

Ned Orrett

Ben Peters

No: None

Abstention: John Shribbs

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Comment by Commissioner Orrett
Comment by Commissioner Shribbs
Comment by Panama Bartholomy
Comment by Ned Orrett
Comment by Ann Baker
Comment by Chair Edminster
Comment by Ann Baker
Comment by John Shribbs
Comment by Rhianna Frank

STAFF COMMENT

6.

Staff Comment 04/13/23 – Posted on 04/20/23

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.