



AGENDA

GREEN RIBBON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 16, 2017

4:30 p.m.

Conference and Training Center
Irvine Civic Center
Irvine, CA

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee will be called to order on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the Conference and Training Center, Irvine Civic Center, Irvine.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Melissa Fox	Councilmember
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Lynn Schott	Mayor Pro Tempore
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Commissioner Dustin Nirschl	Appointed by: Planning Commission
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Gang Chen*	Appointed by: Councilmember Shea
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Krishna Hammond*	Appointed by: Councilmember Fox
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Norm Kisamov*	Appointed by: Mayor Wagner
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	John Morton*	Appointed by: Councilmember Lalloway
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Vacant*	Appointed by: Mayor Pro Tempore Schott
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Salem Afeworki*	Member-At-Large
COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Bemmy Maharramli*	Member-At-Large

*Voting Member

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INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Overview of Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Bylaws
- B. Overview of City of Irvine Environmental Programs
- C. Brown Act Overview

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY:

November 19, 2015 minutes are provided for informational purposes only.

2. GREEN RIBBON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Selection of Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Chairperson: Environmental Programs Administrator Coffee declares nominations open for Chairperson and calls for Committee vote.
- 2) Selection of Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Vice Chairperson: Newly-elected Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Chairperson declares nominations open for Vice Chairperson and calls for Committee vote.

- 3) Selection of Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Calendar: Per Jan 8, 2013 City Council action Committee meets four times per year. Day, time and place to be determined by the Committee. Committee Chairperson opens discussion regarding day, time, and place for meetings.

3. DISCUSSION OF WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adoption of a Work Plan outlining the focus for the Committee. The Work Plan will be submitted to the City Council for review and approval. Committee Chair opens discussion regarding Work Plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: GREEN RIBBON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE Regular Meeting, proposed for August 15, 2017, 4:30 p.m., L102, Irvine Civic Center. Update to Committee Calendar selection in item 1.2 (3)

STAFF REPORTS

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If you have any questions regarding any item of business on the agenda for this meeting, or any of the staff reports or other documentation relating to any agenda item, please contact Green Ribbon Environmental Committee liaison at (949) 724-7369.

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COMMUNICATION DEVICES

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular meetings of the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee are held once a quarter on the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Agenda is posted in the Police Department. Meeting agendas and approved minutes are kept current on the City web site at www.cityofirvine.org.

I hereby certify that the agenda for the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee meeting was posted in the posting book located in the Public Safety Lobby of City Hall, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California on 5/12/17 by 4:30 p.m. as well as on the City's web page.

[Signature]
Committee Secretary

ITEM 1



MINUTES

GREEN RIBBON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

November 19, 2015
4:30 p.m.

University Community Park
1 Beech Tree Lane
Irvine, California

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee (Committee) was called to order on November 19, 2015, at 4:40 p.m. at University Community Park, 1 Beech Tree Lane, by Committee Chair Krom.

ROLL CALL

Chair	Beth Krom
Vice Chair	G.S. Bhalla
Committee Member	Evan Chemers
Committee Member	Steven Chen
Committee Member	Scott Smith

ABSENT

Committee Member	John Morton
Committee Member	Leo Rebele
Committee Member	Lynn Schott
Committee Member	(vacant)
Committee Member	(vacant)

INTRODUCTIONS

Senior Management Analyst Mike Byrne introduced Interim Manager Mike Cribbin, for the Environmental Section of the Community Services Operations Division.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Senior Management Analyst Mike Byrne reported achievement of 69 percent waste diversion at the Irvine Global Village Festival held on September 26, 2015 and results of the Solar Decathlon competition held October 8-18, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Management Analyst Mike Byrne announced the following upcoming events:

1. Community Paper Shred Event to be held on January 23 at Lakeview Senior Center from 9 a.m.–noon.
2. University of California’s Master Gardeners of Orange County radio podcasts on water-wise gardening topics at its website http://uccemg.com/Projects/Radio_Show/
3. “Go Solar California!” commercial-sector webinar by Southern California Edison for commercial customers on Friday, November 20 at 9 a.m.
4. The City’s “Urban Agriculture Program” is promoting free Agriculture, Wellness and the Environment Lectures on Thursday, December 17 on “Sustainable Investing” and Thursday, January 21 on “Sustainable Architecture” at the Orange County Great Park Living Room/Art Gallery
5. Irvine Ranch Water District has implemented Recycled Water Filling Stations at its Headquarters located at 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine and provides information and an online application at <http://www.irwd.com/services/fill-station>

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

None.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

1. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: It was moved by Committee Member Smith and seconded by Committee Member Chemers to approve minutes of a special Green Ribbon Environmental Committee meeting held on September 24, 2015.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES:	4	Committee Members: Bhalla, Chen, Chemers, Smith
NOES:	0	Committee Members:
ABSTAIN:	0	Committee Members:

ABSENT: 2 Committee Members: Morton, Rebele

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2.1 COMMUNITY OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Committee members reviewed and discussed environmental outreach ideas presented by Vice Chair G.S. Bhalla, including use of social media techniques, partnerships with schools, colleges, universities, developers, businesses and the Irvine Chamber of Commerce, and incentives for green living.

ACTION: Receive and file.

PRESENTATIONS


A. Presentation on Tesla Batteries

Ted Flanigan, president of energy consulting group EcoMotion, gave a presentation on battery storage technology and utilization.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:26 p.m. on November 19, 2015.

BETH KROM, CHAIR

Date Approved: _____, 2016



MIKE BYRNE
RECORDING SECRETARY

ITEM 2



REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

MEETING DATE: MAY 16, 2017

TITLE: GREEN RIBBON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION


Environmental Programs Administrator


Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Select Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Chairperson.
2. Select Vice Chairperson.
3. Select Committee Meeting Dates.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Organization of the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee (Committee) including the selection of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Committee meeting dates, is required. Environmental Programs Administrator Coffee will declare nominations open for the Chairperson position and will call for the Committee to vote. Then the newly-elected Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Chairperson will declare nominations open for Vice Chairperson, and call for the Committee vote.

The Committee Calendar also needs to be set. Per January 8, 2013 City Council action, the Committee meets four times per year. The day, time and place is to be determined by the Committee. The newly-elected Committee Chairperson will open discussion regarding day, time and place for meetings.

ANALYSIS

According to the Committee bylaws, the Committee shall have the constituted offices of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Committee will elect officers at its first meeting, and annually at the first meeting of each calendar year thereafter.

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Responsibilities

The duties of Chairperson include maintaining the general supervision, direction and control of the Committee meetings. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, receive requests for agenda items from Committee members, represent and speak on the behalf of the Committee at City Council meetings, and shall have the power to appoint subcommittees of the Committee and subcommittee Chairpersons as necessary and receive reports of the subcommittee's activities.

The duties of Vice Chairperson include acting in the absence of the Chairperson, performing all the duties of the Chairperson, and in so acting, have all the powers of the Chairperson.

Selection of Committee Calendar

Per January 8, 2013 City Council action, the Committee meets four times per year. The day, time and place is to be determined by the Committee.

At this time, staff is able to make room reservations for Committee meetings for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year. The third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. has been identified as a time that does not conflict with City Council meetings, and was available to Committee members.

Following the quarterly meeting schedule, the next Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 15, 2017 in Room L102 at the Civic Center. Staff has also reserved Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at the Conference and Training Center for the last Committee meeting of 2017.

If the Committee chooses to follow this quarterly meeting schedule, the meetings in 2018 would take place on the third Tuesdays of the month: February 19, May 15, August 20, and November 19. The facility locations are not yet available, but staff can continue to book rooms located in the Civic Center or can search for availability of other City facilities.

All meeting dates and locations will be posted on the City's website to notify the public of upcoming meetings.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Committee may choose to modify the meeting dates and locations suggested by staff.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no costs associated with selecting the Committee Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and meeting dates.

REPORT PREPARED BY Sona Coffee, Environmental Programs Administrator

ATTACHMENT

1. Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Member Information Packet

**GREEN RIBBON
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

MAY 16, 2017

Member Information Packet

ATTACHMENT 1

Mayor Pro Tem Lynn Schott



Appointed January 10, 2017

Mayor Pro Tem Lynn Schott was elected to the City Council in 2014 with a tremendous win that was marked with the most votes. Lynn fundamentally understands the direct impact of local policy to residents and is committed to serving honorably with uncommon transparency and integrity.

The Mayor Pro Tem works tirelessly, strategically, and diligently to find creative solutions to complex challenges for a growing, diverse, and robust community. Her compassionate and common sense leadership that transcends political affiliation is the hallmark of her service. She is a prolific and effective bridge builder that is highly skilled in identifying and matching organizations or individuals that can make a bigger and more positive impact together than they could ever do apart.

Lynn enjoys cultivating relationships and working closely with advisory boards in developing meaningful policies that benefit the community and has collaborated with committees such as the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board as well as the Animal Care Subcommittee and the Barclay Theatre to name a few. In addition, she is committed to the rehabilitation of the City's aging buildings as well as the construction of new communities and the Great Park.

Prior to being elected, Lynn served as a Commissioner to both the Planning Commission and the Community Services Commission. In those respective capacities, she has been proud to vote in favor of proposals to finally build the Great Park, open more childcare businesses, expand housing options for seniors, veterans and the local workforce, and help retain potentially 8,000 high-paying professional jobs in Irvine by approving a new R&D campus for one of the city's largest employers.

Councilmember Melissa Fox



Appointed January 10, 2017

Councilmember Melissa Fox is an Orange County native, business owner, attorney, wife, and mother. She was elected in November 2016 to a four-year term on the Irvine City Council.

Prior to her election to the City Council, Melissa served for four years on the Irvine Community Services Commission, where she fought to ensure ample open space, park and recreation facilities for both children and adults, for increased childcare, to improve and expand the Gratitude and Honor

Memorial remembering the fallen heroes of the War on Terrorism, and to ensure that our seniors have state-of-the-art recreation and healthcare facilities.

Throughout her career, Melissa has built bridges to bring together people with different perspectives to take on tough challenges. She has championed creating more active and public transportation choices in Irvine as a means of reducing traffic congestion, and has also been Irvine's most public advocate for more and safer bicycling, for both recreation and commuting.

Melissa is a member of the Bars of the State of California and the United States Tax Court, and a graduate of Brandeis University and Tulane University School of Law. She is the founder of the Fox Law Firm in Irvine and has practiced law in Orange County for more than 20 years, advising large and small businesses, as well as organizations and individuals. She has also earned a California real estate broker's license.

Melissa participates in many professional and community organizations. Melissa has been a member of the Irvine Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the Beckman High School Football Boosters and Beckman High School Wrestling Boosters, and serves as an adult volunteer with the Sea Scouts (a co-ed program of the Boy Scouts of America) at the Dana Point Sea Base. Melissa also served in the Orange County Parks Ranger Reserve.

Melissa also serves on multiple local and regional agencies, including the Orange County Fire Authority, Community Energy Partnership, Library Advisory Board of Orange County Library System, the Laguna Canyon Foundation, Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee, One water one Watershed Steering Committee, the San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency Commission, the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee, and the Irvine Community Land Trust.

Melissa is a past president of the California National Women's Political Caucus, and is a strong advocate for increasing the participation of women in government and civic affairs.

The daughter of a Korean War combat veteran, Melissa has been active in advocating for increased City support for veterans, particularly those recently returning from deployment. She has also been honored by the Orange County Veterans Memorial Park for her "steadfast support for the Southern California Veterans Cemetery."

Melissa lives with her husband, Dr. Michael Fox, and their teenage son, Max, in the Portola Springs community of Irvine.

City of Irvine Planning Commissioner, Dustin Nirschl

Appointed by Planning Commission on April 20, 2017

As a law student at UCI, Dustin Nirschl has enjoyed the study of environmental and municipal law. He sits on the Executive Board of the Public Interest Law Fund, and Street Law organizations at UCI. These programs aim to educate, and support legal needs in our community. He has spent over four-hundred hours providing pro bono legal services to those in need at the Legal Aid Society of Orange County.

As a Planning Commissioner, he is humbled by the productive, and diverse body of residents living in Irvine, and by his fellow colleagues on the Commission. While on the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee, Dustin is excited to build upon the successes of Irvine City officials in years past, to develop a framework for future generations.

Salem Afeworki



Member-At-Large appointed April 25, 2017

Salem Afeworki maintains a LEED Green Associate, ENV SP certification and possesses 12+ years of work experience in multi-disciplinary and multi-racial settings in the United States, Europe, South America and Africa. She is a proud citizen of the world who is passionate about sustainability, climate change, renewable energy technologies and local communities' empowerment. Salem believes the private sector and civil society play a major role in leading the change we want to see in "business as usual", and organized & empowered

communities can influence policy makers to adopt a better, more efficient, equitable, and sustainable framework for development.

As a sustainable business and climate change activist, Salem has planned and executed multiple research studies, presentations, and community outreach events – including the 2016 Climate Adaptation Fellow for Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy policy (ELEEP): <http://eleep.eu/salem-afeworki> and as a Global Emerging Leader at the 2016 Atlantic Dialogues in Marrakesh. <http://www.atlanticdialogues.org/biographies-emerging-leaders-2016/>. She was awarded the 2016 Urban Land Institute Orange County/Inland Empire (ULI OC/IE) Emergent Leadership Award for Engineering and received a Certificate of Recognition by Orange Country Third District Supervisor Todd Spitzer.

Salem is the Founder and Project Director for Value Sustainability, a consulting firm whose mission is to build resilient communities and infrastructure by capitalizing on human innovation and resourcefulness. She is an excellent communicator and speaks four languages (English, Spanish, Amharic and Tigrinya) fluently. Salem holds a BA in Communication and MSc in Environmental Management & Auditing from Universidad de Leon (Spain). She has completed various professional and leadership programs with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), University of Southern California (USC) and the University of California, at Berkeley (UCB). She is an active member of various industry groups in the United States, including the American Society for Civil Engineers (ASCE- local & national), Urban Land Institute (ULI-OC), and Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS-OC).

Gang Chen



Appointed by Councilwoman Shea on December 15, 2016

Gang Chen is a licensed architect in California, and an expert in LEED, green buildings and sustainable development.

Gang graduated from South China University of Science and Technology (SCUT) in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture. In 1990, he received a scholarship from the University of Southern California (USC) to come the United States to study. He earned a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the School of Architecture

in 1993 and spent a year in the USC School of Planning PhD program, with a Research Assistantship focusing on traffic studies.

He has extensive training and experience, and has made substantial contributions in Urban and Regional Planning, Master Planning, LEED, Green Building and sustainable development, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture. Many of the projects he was in charge of, or participated in, have been published extensively in *Architecture*, *Architectural Records*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Orange County Register*, etc. His books on green buildings and LEED have been consistently ranked as the bestsellers in the world on the subject. As early as 1990, he was a board member of a student association in USC.

In Irvine, Gang has also been involved in many community activities and has led the efforts of residents to call, write and send e-mails to city, county and state governments to express their concerns on critical issues that affect the quality of life in Irvine.

Gang lives in the City with his wife of 25 years and four beautiful daughters, and has been an Irvine resident for 18 years.

Krishna Hammond



Appointed by Councilmember Fox on December 14, 2016

Krishna Hammond is a Chemist and Technical Writer. He currently works for Glidewell Laboratories/Glidewell Dental in Irvine. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Krishna has experience working as a Chemist for the Montrose Environmental Group, Inc, working to analyze environmental samples and to monitor condensable particulate emissions from local power plants and refineries. In addition, he has a focus on analytical and atmospheric chemistry. He has also worked in Santa Barbara as a field organizer, focusing on voter registration, volunteer recruitment, community outreach, and data collection.

Norm Kisamov

Appointed by Mayor Wagner on February 6, 2017

Norm Kisamov is a retired engineer and has been an Irvine resident since 1984. He admires Irvine, and highly-regards the concept of a planned community. He has enjoyed living in Irvine all these years, and is proud of the unique Irvine spirit and its personalities. Including his extended family, he has had five children that graduated from the Irvine High School.

Norm's business background was in construction design; primarily in petrochemical. He was involved in procurement and contracting, design specifications, manuals, and organizational tasks for the area. He was also involved with projects across the country and in international facilities.

After years of enjoying Irvine, Norm wants to give back to the City, to help to maintain its standing, culture, ambience, treasures, and its pride. Like any citizen of Irvine, he takes note of Irvine's achievements and its shortcomings, and he wants to improve where he can help.

Bemmy Maharramli



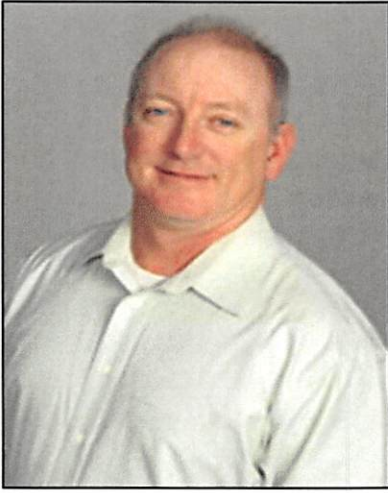
Member-At-Large appointed April 25, 2017

Bemmy Maharramli is a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of California, Irvine, School of Social Ecology's Department of Planning, Policy and Design. She has a Master of Environmental Science and Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University, Bloomington, School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Her research is action-oriented, focused on the integration of ecosystem services in urban and regional settings to benefit human well-being and nature. Her dissertation research specifically centers on the following research question: In seeking to integrate nature across the urban landscape, how does a university interact as a partner with stakeholders in a city? For this research, she is examining primarily the urban area of Los Angeles County, especially university partners (centers, initiatives) working to advance the integration of nature to benefit human well-being and nature.

Bemmy has also worked as a practitioner, with over ten years of experience in the environment and development arena. She recently worked at Conservation International as the Manager of the Food Security Initiative, as well as with the US Agency for International Development and The Ocean Foundation. She is also the Co-Editor of a recently published book entitled, "*The Social Ecology of the Anthropocene*", which is part of a larger volume on environmental policy, including a chapter she wrote on the transformative nexus of cities. She is now working on another book with the same team on environmental security and peace building, including a chapter on the urban dimensions of environmental peace building.

John Morton



Appointed by Councilmember Lalloway on May 9, 2012

John Morton is currently a Senior Project Manager for ConSol. He works with homebuilders to train their staff and trade partners to build high-performance walls and attics.

John has worked in the residential new construction industry since 2001, where he managed all aspects of the homebuilding process from design development through construction.

Prior to joining ConSol, John was a Program Manager for Southern California Edison from February 2008 to December 2015. He managed the award winning Southern California Edison Residential New Construction Energy Efficiency Programs.

John is a leader in the field of residential energy efficiency, including extensive work in zero net energy construction. He is on the Board of Trustees at the California Homebuilding Foundation and Board of Directors for the Building Industry Association of Orange County. John served in the United States Marine Corps before attending DeVry University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business.

ITEM 3



REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

MEETING DATE: MAY 16, 2017

TITLE: GREEN RIBBON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WORK PLAN


Environmental Programs Administrator


Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Green Ribbon Environmental Committee Work Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

One of the duties of the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee (Committee) is to prepare a Work Plan outlining the focus of the Committee. According to the bylaws, this task shall occur at the first Committee meeting. To assist with this task, staff has prepared a Work Plan for the Committee's consideration that focuses on the work the Committee can contribute to over the next two years. Once approved by the Committee, the Work Plan will be provided to the City Council for its consideration.

ANALYSIS

The Committee Work Plan is intended to prioritize focus areas and goals for the Committee and to guide its work over the next two years. To provide some context for the Committee's adoption of a Work Plan, the Committee can consider the following mission statement consistent with the bylaws:

The mission of the Green Ribbon Environmental Committee is to advise the City Council on sustainability policies related to energy, recycling and waste management, mobility, open space and water issues. The Committee's values shall reflect the interests and needs of the community. Recommendations made to City Council will focus on improving the livability of the community, while supporting Irvine's growing and diversified economy.

The draft Work Plan outlined below covers issues of priority to the City of Irvine. The Committee may choose to annually review the Work Plan to assess progress and make new additions to the Work Plan as needed. Once adopted, the Work Plan will be provided to the City Council for its consideration and approval.

Committee Work Plan

The draft Work Plan outlines broad policy areas that fall under the Committee's purview. These areas include energy, which is an area of current focus for the City, grants in environmental areas, business-friendly initiatives and economic development. Pursuant to this work plan, the Committee will consider policies that support each of these areas.

Energy Plan Update:

An Energy Plan for the City has not been updated since 2008. Much has changed since then regarding technology, including energy production. Staff will be working on updating the City's Energy Plan over the course of the next 18 months. The City's Energy Plan will be subject to the City Council's approval. Staff will seek input from the Committee on policy related matters contained in the draft updated plan.

Grants and Pilot Programs:

When looking at grant opportunities across all environmental areas – energy, waste management, water, open space – staff aims to seek out grants that serve policy objectives of the City. Staff will work with the Committee to identify policy objectives that will help set priorities for grant applications and any pilot programs to be proposed to the City Council for its consideration.

Economic Development and Business Friendly Initiatives:

Staff will work with the Committee to develop draft policies that are business-friendly and promote sustainable economic development opportunities for the City.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Committee may consider modifications to the policy areas listed in the Work Plan.

The next Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 15, 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no costs associated with adopting the Committee Work Plan.

REPORT PREPARED BY Sona Coffee, Environmental Programs Administrator