



City of Santa Barbara
SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION PLAN
SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

10:00 A.M.
Parks and Recreation
620 Laguna St
SantaBarbaraCA.gov

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Kristen Sneddon, City Council, *Chair*
Dave Davis, Water Commission, *Vice Chair*
Jason Dominguez, City Council
Eric Friedman, City Council
Jim Sloan, Harbor Commission
Betsy Cramer, Harbor Commission
Beebe Longstreet, Parks & Recreation Commission
Deborah Schwartz, Planning Commission
Lesley Wiscomb, Planning Commission

ALTERNATE MEMBERS:

Nichol Clark, Parks & Recreation Commission

STAFF:

Melissa Hetrick, Project Planner
Timmy Bolton, Associate Planner
Krystal M. Vaughn, Senior Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hetrick opened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Kristen Sneddon, Dave Davis (at 10:16 a.m.), Eric Friedman, Jason Dominguez, Deborah Beebe Longstreet, Schwartz, Lesley Wiscomb, and Betsy Cramer

Absent: Jim Sloan

STAFF PRESENT

Jill Zachary, Parks & Recreation Director
Jill Murray, Water Quality Research Analyst
Matt Fore, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator
Dan Gullett, Principal Planner
Melissa Hetrick, Project Planner
Timmy Bolton, Associate Planner
Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facility Manager
Krystal M. Vaughn, Senior Commission Secretary

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Announcements

Ms. Hetrick discussed cancelling the November 26, 2019 meeting and moving that meeting to November 19, 2019 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Subcommittee will check their schedules and get back to Ms. Hetrick about meeting November 19, 2019.

B. Agenda review

Staff proposed a revised order to today's agenda items, referenced in a Memorandum dated September 10, 2019.

Motion: Accept the revised agenda order as proposed by staff in the Memorandum dated September 10, 2019.

Action: Approved 7/0/2 (Sloan and Davis absent)

C. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda

Public comment opened at 10:09 a.m., and as no one wished to speak, it closed.

Chair Sneddon re-opened public comment at 11:37 a.m.

Ms. Hillary Hauser, addressed the committee and stated that the City is making decisions about developments without factoring in impacts from sea level rise, yet the City knows that flooding will occur in these areas in the future. Ms. Hauser asked what is to be done to remedy this disconnect. Ms. Hetrick explained that the recently certified updated Coastal Land Use Plan does put in place interim development standards to begin to address the impacts of sea level rise that will be in effect for the next several years as the City takes a comprehensive look at how to adapt to sea level rise through the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan process. The City will then go through the LCP and other planning documents and consider changes to the interim development standards.

Closed at 11:39 a.m.

III. **AGENDA ITEMS**

TIME: 10:10 A.M.

A. Development of the Draft Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan

Ms. Hetrick described what has occurred in the last several months to develop the Adaptation Plan with the City's consultant and interdepartmental team. Ms. Hetrick went through the outline of the plan.

Discussion held regarding the scope of the plan with emphasis on the need for a near-term action plan and a plan for phasing work on sea level rise moving forward.

TIME: 10:12 A.M.

B. Upcoming Process and Schedule for review of the plan

Ms. Hetrick described the anticipated process moving forward with the plan, role of subcommittee review, topics of upcoming Subcommittee meetings, and schedule.

Discussion held on the role of the subcommittee with regard to the adaptation plan, when the plan should be released, what portions of the plan the Subcommittee should review, when CCC may review the plan, how the information in the plan should be presented to Council and City commissions, and the process for public input and review of the plan. Ms. Hetrick committed to taking the input from the Subcommittee, meeting with the Community Development Director and City Administrator, and returning to the next Subcommittee meeting with a final process and schedule.

TIME: 10:18 A.M.

- C. Tentative topics of upcoming meetings.

This agenda item was discussed at the same time as Item B above.

TIME: -- A.M.

- D. Status updates

Postponed to a future meeting.

TIME: -- A.M.

- E. Review of adaptation strategies considered and scenarios modelled

Postponed to a future meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sneddon adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.