

MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 02.08.2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, Thursday, November 9th in the Council Chamber with the following in attendance:

Council Members

J.C. Harris (Chair)
Yoshiko Grace Matsui (Vice Chair)
Gene Achziger

City Staff

Tim George – Interim City Attorney
Tyler Beekley – Acting Public Works Director
Khai Le – Acting City Engineer
Denise Lathrop – Community Development Director
Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Taria Keane – City Clerk
Sara Lee – Deputy City Clerk
Jodi Grager – Admin. Assistant

Guests – Mayor Traci Buxton, Councilmember Matt Mahoney, Chuck Coleman, Barbara McMichael

AGENDA

1. Selection of Chair/Vice Chair
2. Approval of the minutes from the 11.09.2023 meeting
3. 2024 Work Plan - Draft

MEETING:

1. City Clerk Taria Keane called for nominations for Chair. Councilmember J.C. Harris was nominated and accepted the position. Chair Harris called for nominations for Vice Chair. Councilmember Yoshiko Grace-Matsui was nominated and accepted the position.
2. Unanimous approval of the 11.09.2023 minutes.
3. Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley reviewed the draft 2024 Work Plan (Attachment #2). He gave a brief overview of the items on the Work Plan. Denise Lathrop, Community Development Director, indicated that the April agenda will include an additional item presented by Planning Staff – *Conservation & Environment*. This topic is included in the City's Comprehensive Plan and will provide information regarding tree cover.
 - The committee discussed the possibility of increasing Stormfest participation.
 - The Des Moines Creek Basin ILA (SeaTac, Port of Seattle and Des Moines) will be an opportunity for consolidating language and enhancing partnerships maintaining shared infrastructure that benefits the creek.
 - It was recommended that staff consider inviting the King County Conservation District to present the Zero Poo Challenge which supports efforts to protect Poverty Bay.

- The committee members are interested in adding broader environmental concerns to the Environment agendas.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Asst