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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 2, 2017
TO: City Council
FROM: Environmental Commission
SUBJECT: 2016/17 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Before you are the Environmental Commission 2016/17 work plan and accomplishments (covering the period April 2016 - April 2017) and the 2017/18 draft work plan.

There were four target areas in 2016/17. Here are the accomplishments:

1. Climate Action Plan & CCE.
 - a. Worked with staff on the 2015 Climate Action Plan Report presented to Council
 - b. Green Building Measures subcommittee has submitted report to staff and Council of recommendations on additional measures City could require or encourage to reduce carbon footprint and water use of new buildings
 - c. Continued to track energy, water, solid waste diversion, miles traveled data on Environmental Resources Dashboard
 - d. Served as resource to Councilmember Bruins as SVCE Director
 - e. Organized community meeting with BayREN/Santa Clara County Office of Sustainability on energy efficiency programs in September 2016 partnered with SVCEA to host various community meetings in preparation for the launch of SVCE clean energy
 - f. Received report on Community Climate Solutions
2. Water Conservation & Stormwater Management
 - a. Subcommittee worked with staff and consultant on revisions to Shoulder Paving Policy which were presented to Council at November study session
 - b. Continued to track water conservation data from CalWater and Santa Clara Valley Water District
3. Solid Waste Diversion.
 - a. Subcommittee worked with staff and consultant on the construction and debris ordinance
 - b. Received report from Mission Trails and provided feedback on measures to improve diversion rates

- c. Developing metrics on waste diversion for Dashboard
- d. Convened community meeting in February including presentations from Mission Trails and GreenTown Los Altos

4. Community Outreach.

- a. Supported Girl Scout drought tolerant demonstration garden project at Woodland library
- b. Conducted public forums noted above

There are five target areas in the draft 2017/18 work plan, with #6 as assigned:

1. Climate Action Plan & CCE

- a. Work with staff and/or consultant to measure progress on CAP measures. Request budget support to perform CAP update.
- b. Work with staff to bring recommended “reach” Green Building Measures to Council
- c. Evaluate other CAP measures for potential significant GHG reductions
- d. Serve as resource on CCE implementation and to Director Bruins on policy questions
- e. Maintain and enhance the environmental resources dashboard

2. Water Conservation & Stormwater Management

- a. Work with staff on stormwater reporting, permit compliance and Shoulder Paving Design Standard
- b. Continue to track water use on the environmental resources dashboard

3. Solid Waste Diversion.

- a. Add Solid Waste Diversion tracking to Dashboard

4. Visioning Process.

- a. Provide input into Community Center planning to ensure sustainable features and green building practices are incorporated into design phase. Seeking input from Council on timing and process to engage in project.

5. Community Outreach.

- a. Continue to implement web site improvements and add content
- b. Consider a community survey on environmental issues
- c. Continue to invite interesting speakers to EC meetings

6. Special Projects as assigned by Council

We welcome your input and guidance.

Thank you,
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Chair, Environmental Commission