



DATE: May 8, 2017

AGENDA ITEM #5

TO: Environmental Commission
FROM: J. Logan, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Receive information and announcements from City staff

BACKGROUND

Monthly staff reports and updates will be discussed as listed below.

DISCUSSION

1. CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) request for the FY2017/18 CIP budget was submitted to Finance for a greenhouse gas emission assessment study and report (Attachment A)
2. Update on installation and planting of the Girl Scout Gold Award demonstration garden at Woodland Library, May 5, 6 and 7, 2017
3. 2017 Environmental Commission Meeting Schedule
 - a. Annual City Commission/Committee training meeting date and time TBD
4. Environmental Commission attendance at upcoming Council meetings
 - a. May 9, 2017; Commissioner Eyre
 - b. May 23, 2017; Commissioner Halkola

Attachment:

- A. Email to Sharif Etman: Environmental Commission comment

J Logan

From: J Logan
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Sharif Etman
Cc: Sarina Revillar; Susanna Chan; Chris Jordan
Subject: Environmental commission comments on CIP

Hi Sharif,

The Environmental Commission discussed the CIP budget at its Commission meeting on March 13, 2017 and appointed a subcommittee of Chair Laura Tekslar and Vice Chair Don Weiden to review the CIP with the staff liaison, J. Logan. This review is now completed and two recommendations are as follows.

First, implementation of the existing CIP projects needs to incorporate actions contained in the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP). The following list includes examples of project environmental considerations identified by Laura and a few of my own.

- Trails and pathways under Parks and Trails and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Projects. Consider inclusion of permeable paving materials and other green infrastructure features to improve storm water infiltration, native plant development and CAP
- HVAC, Backup Generator and Roofing under Buildings Projects. Consider roof top solar, energy efficiency, emission and CAP impacts
- Streetscape Design under Infrastructure Projects. Incorporate green infrastructure
- Public Arts Master Plan and Downtown Plan under General. Consider CAP and sustainability (and perhaps an Environmental Education component to the Arts Master Plan)
- Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Program under Sewer. I do not know what this program includes. However, Millbrae, Redwood City and other cities have programs for direct collection and transportation of restaurant FOG to their treatment facilities (Is our Palo Alto regional WW treatment plant considering such a program?)
- Vehicles and Lawn equipment under Equipment Replacement. Include fuel efficiency and emissions considerations
- City Hall Roof replacement - have solar panels been considered in this project? Or items such as the backup generator (e.g. purchasing most efficient/lowest polluting generator) or for the Miramonte Pathway (ensuring permeable material is used).

Second, include a new project in the 2017/18 CIP for updating the Climate Action Plan.

Environmental Commission expressed interest for staff to budget and arrange for a 2017/18 assessment project that involves:

1. Specific quantitative analysis of the City's progress on the CAP emissions reductions measures on the Los Altos Climate Action Plan
2. Update and recalculate the CAP baseline data based on the 2013 data (this verbiage is from the last CAP report to Council)

The last assessment was conducted by consultants, PMC during the initial formation of the 2013 Los Altos Climate Action Plan. Subsequent to the 2013 Los Altos CAP, three annual reports were presented by staff to Council. However, an assessment study that contains quantitative analysis was not conducted. Environmental Commission requests that staff now consider a 2017/18 assessment project to accompany the next CAP annual report to Council.

Thanks, jL