

VOK CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

JULY 20, 2020

REMOTE via ZOOM Video Conference

ATTENDING:

Bill Mancini (Chairman), Warren Applegate, Ann Birckmayer, Aileen Leventon, Sandra Tolosa

Tara Donadio, Sustainability Planner (CRPC)

Community Members: Anthony Dvarskas, Astrid Montagano, Yoon Chung

VOK STREET LIGHTING:

T. Donadio presented a detailed analysis of 3 models of potential street light conversions going forward: 1) continuation of current model, 2) utility owned conversion, and 3) municipal purchase/owned conversion. (See 6 page report "VOK Street Lighting Cost Analysis")

A. Birckmayer: can we project costs and savings 5 to 10 years in future?

Y. Chung: consider light shielding to reduce light pollution

B. Mancini: RPI is willing to demonstrate lighting options

Conclusion: This matter needs more thorough discussion at a future meeting before Task Force can advise Board of Trustees

FARMERS' MARKET PRESENCE AND TASK FORCE HANDOUTS:

Currently, Task Force's reuseable bags are distributed (quantity – 125). Task Force information/educational materials can be distributed via the bags: CCA Program, composting education, water conservation, re-use and recycling education etc. Committee members urged to produce "content" for distribution.

Task Force has purchased two portable composting units. W. Applegate will work w/library to establish a community demonstration unit on library grounds, perhaps a second demonstration unit for Village Green.

S. Tolosa discussed a recycling/re-use project to create table napkins.

CURBSIDE WEED SPRAYING OPTIONS FOR VOK:

Mayor had requested suggestions on alternatives to the present weed spraying practices by VOK. Aileen Leventon will research and report.

REPAIR CAFÉ:

A Birckmayer feels current COVID restrictions prevent establishing a program at this time

NEW HVAC TECHNOLOGY:

W. Applegate shared information re/adaptive photonic controllers which use light to run devices and to filter air

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR COUNTY TO JOIN CSC PROGRAM:

CSCTF voted to support wording of draft letter and to send it to the Board of Supervisors. Also agreed to request Village Trustees draft and send a similar letter of support to the BOS.

NATURAL RESOURCES SIGNAGE ALONG ELECTRIC TRAIL:

Anthony Dvaskas noted that Task Force should consider signage along Electric Trail. W. Applegate will contact Mills Park community volunteers to see if there is mutual interest.

BUDGET DATA:

Budget data and current available funds will be included in future meetings, agendas and minutes.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday August 11 7 p.m. (Village Hall or via ZOOM TBD)