

CLARKSBURG GENERAL PLAN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Community Room at Clarksburg Library
Thursday, January 4, 2024

- 1) 7:04 PM CALL TO ORDER
- 2) ROLL CALL
 - a) Members present: Beck, Dutra, Johas, McCormick, Ogilvie
 - b) Members absent: Reamer, Weathers
- 3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a) First motion: Beck
 - b) Second motion: Dutra
 - c) Unanimously approved.
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) First motion: Johas
 - b) Second motion: McCormick
 - c) Unanimously approved.
- 5) PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a) None
- 6) ACTION ITEMS
 - a) Proposed 2024 calendar
 - i) Beck motioned to move the July 4th meeting to July 10th
 - ii) Second by Dutra
 - iii) Unanimously app
- 7) INFORMATIONAL ITEM
 - a) None
- 8) DISCUSSION ITEM
 - a) Presentation on Yolo County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan – **Kristen Wraithwall** (absent); **Julia Olsen** -Sustainability Analyst, **Yuridiana Patjona** – Civicspark Fellow, **Brenda Lomeli** – Yolo Transportation District, **Robin Datel** – Yolo County Climate Action Commission
 - i) In September 2020 the County Board declared a carbon negative footprint for the County by 2030
 - ii) There are **4 specific strategies** Olsen wanted to focus on for Clarksburg:
 - a) **Decarbonize Transportation/Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled**
 - i) The goals are to expand and improve public transportation options, provide funding/education to support vanpool commute programs.
 - (i) Beck asked about EV's. She noted our area's history of frequent power outages and suggested that our community would benefit from an independent microgrid for EV charging.

1. Beck clarified that a microgrid is a locally sited power source that has the ability to store energy (possibly from renewables) that would be able to help during extended outages.
 - a. Ogilvie said that outages during flood events limit the reclamation district's ability to pump out flood waters as they did in the winter of 2022-2023
 2. Olsen said they were awarded a grant from Caltrans to develop a plan for EV charging.
- ii) Ogilvie said that as an aging community Clarksburg could benefit from a bus line.
 - iii) Olsen asked about the best place for an EV charger.
 - (i) The board suggested that an elevated area would be ideal. Ogilvie and Beck suggested that the area in front of the Old School House project could be ideal.
 - (ii) McCormick noted the need for heavy grade electrical infrastructure would need to be put in.
 - iv) Beck asked about a bike route and noted that biking on the levee roads is dangerous, and the area could use an alternate bike corridor.
 - (i) Lomeli said that the County is investigating putting a biking corridor in the Clarksburg area. Lomeli is working on the Yolo Active Transportation Corridor (YATC) which encompasses many projects.
 - v) Mark Pruner asked about E-bikes and the Delta Trail project. Lomeli said that there has been collaboration between her group and the one spearheading the Delta Trail project.
 - vi) Pruner also suggested that the best way to reduce miles travelled is to bring high speed internet to the community to promote working from home.

b) Decarbonize Energy & Buildings

- i) The goals here are to promote solar and/wind projects for the community, develop battery storage, and increase availability and assistance for home weatherization.
 - (i) Patjona is building a database for community members to see what rebates and incentives are available.
 - (ii) Beck asked about funding for heat pumps. She said it has a multi-benefit for the community. It can provide cleaner HVAC systems and lower costs to community members.
 - (iii) Beck also said that solar plus battery storage would help build resiliency, but the cost can be a large obstacle.
 - (iv) Ogilvie spoke to using electric tractor and building a solar project to power it. He said that the project (to Beck's point) is prohibitively expensive currently.
 - (v) Beck talked about the aging school infrastructure. Specifically, the old lighting (such as the high-pressure sodium bulbs) and the lack of funding available to the school to replace them.

c) Conserve Water and Minimize Waste

- i) Goals for this strategy are looking at funding/rebates for water conservation and reuse, incentive for low flow fixtures, improve stormwater infrastructure, reduce organic waste sent to landfills, and expand education about how and where to compost.

- (i) Beck noted that since the compost bins are picked up every other week can lead to issues such as (but not limited to) smells and organic material being thrown in the trash due to lack of space.

d) Resilient Infrastructure and Healthy Communities

- i) The goals here are to plant additional trees around structures, conducting prescribed burns with planned replanting and restoration, develop additional community crisis centers, and to create a green job corps.
 - (i) Pruner noted that wildfire safety should be looked at for the community. Specifically, he talked about roofing tiles that are fire resistant.
 - 1. He also asked about prescribed burns and replanting. Olsen said she could point him to resources that could explain the plan.
 - (ii) Beck noted the difficulty of building renewable projects on prime farmland. She asked about zoning variances to make it easier for agro-volatic projects to move forward.
 - 1. Olsen said there are plans in the works to streamline installation for green infrastructure.
 - (iii) Beck talked about healthy communities and said that there are no recreation centers close by. This means that people need to travel to recreate.

e) Further Discussion

- i) Dutra asked about how we evaluate the success of the strategies. She also wanted to make sure that our community isn't on the hook for the carbon generated in areas that are beyond our control.
 - (i) Olsen said they are working on ways to evaluate how successful the projects are.
- ii) McCormick spoke to the older electrical panels that most homes have. He noted that most homes that were built pre-1970 have panels that would not be able to support full home electrification and EV charging.
 - (i) This means that home infrastructure and the grid infrastructure would need to be upgraded in a dramatic way.
 - (ii) McCormick said that there needs to be an honest and true audit of all the environmental impacts of these types of large projects. This includes the byproducts and end of life issues that could be created by large expansions of battery storage and wind power generation.
- iii) Alice Llano said that environmental degradation of our waterways needs to be seriously considered. This includes disposal of derelict boats and warming waters.

9) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) A visit from our Sheriff Department.
 - i) McCormick noted 4 accidents that occurred in the last few months. He wanted to talk about road safety and home security due to the increase in vagrancy.
- b) Introducing our new public works director.

10) ADJOURNMENT 8:30 pm

- a) First motion: Beck
- b) Second motion: Johas

c) Unanimously approved.

11) COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) District 1 – Supervisor Oscar Villegas, represented by Marianne Estes

i) The Board recognized (and vehemently appreciated) all the work done by Marianne Estes.

a) Estes said she loves our area and working with the board. She says she is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren.

ii) Iulia Bodeanu will be replacing Marianne Estes and said she looks forward to working with the board. Her background is in health and human services. She also worked at the Gibson House as the curator.

b) California Highway Patrol – None

c) Yolo County Sheriff's Office - None

d) Clarksburg Fire Protection District – Mark Pruner

i) Pruner said that the Clarksburg Fire District was named Public Safety Hero Award by Congressman Mike Thompson.

a) He talked about the New Year's storm of 2022-2023 and all the accomplishments made to keep the community functioning.

b) Ogilvie asked about the number of calls responded to in the area for 2023.

i) Pruner said it was around 250 and (unfortunately) on the increase.

e) School - None

f) Friends of the Clarksburg Services and Recreation – Amanda Beck

i) They now manage the Clarksburg Country run. They were able to generate and give out \$16,000 in funding to groups in the area.

g) North Delta Cares – None