

2024 December 20 Governing Board Meeting.mp3

Meeting date: February 18, 2025, 05:58 pm

Overview

- The December 20, 2024, Governing Board Meeting focused on critical issues surrounding climate change and waste management, highlighted by public comments urging enhanced community engagement, including proposed evening meetings for better attendance. Key discussions included strategies for waste management, emphasizing public education and reduction initiatives, as well as the urgent need for zero waste strategies due to methane emissions. The election of Denise Horland to the executive committee was confirmed, and updates were provided on the master plan timeline and community outreach efforts. Additionally, concerns regarding discussions on individual waste streams led to a suggestion for a dedicated workshop on waste management solutions. The board unanimously approved amendments to the bylaws regarding executive roles and financial management. The meeting concluded with acknowledgments of prior leadership and plans for ongoing community engagement initiatives. Action items were assigned to various members to address these concerns and promote sustainable practices.

Notes

- **Public Comments (05:52 - 08:14) (05:52 - 08:14)**
 - Discussion on the urgency of climate change and waste management.
 - Debbie Green emphasizes the need for public engagement and suggests evening meetings for better attendance.
 - Concerns raised about the enforcement of single-use plastics ban.
- **Waste Management Strategies (08:14 - 14:20) (08:14 - 14:20)**
 - Stephanie Joffe highlights the importance of educating the public on waste reduction.
 - Richard Ramchartar discusses methane emissions from waste and the need for zero waste strategies.
 - Jim Lasky shares insights on waste management trends and the importance of clean waste streams.
- **Election of Executive Committee (14:20 - 26:47) (14:20 - 26:47)**
 - Election process for the executive committee is outlined.
 - Denise Horland is elected as a new member of the executive board.

- Discussion on the roles and responsibilities of the executive committee members.
- **Master Plan Update (26:47 - 35:10) (26:47 - 35:10)**
 - Update on the master plan project timeline, with a draft expected by mid-February.
 - Discussion on community outreach meetings planned for March.
 - Concerns about data collection and timeline adjustments.
- **Executive Director Report (35:10 - 43:13) (35:10 - 43:13)**
 - Executive Director provides updates on communication and outreach efforts.
 - Discussion on the first residential survey and the importance of community input.
 - Plans for a second residential survey and commercial survey.
- **Discussion on Waste Streams (43:13 - 49:27) (43:13 - 49:27)**
 - Concerns raised about the lack of discussion on individual waste streams.
 - Emphasis on the need for a workshop to discuss waste management solutions before finalizing the master plan.
 - Suggestions for innovative waste management practices from other regions.
- **Bylaws Amendment (49:30 - 59:17) (49:30 - 59:17)**
 - Proposed amendments to the bylaws regarding chair and vice-chair terms and financial signatories.
 - Discussion on the need for flexibility in filling vacancies and managing financial approvals.
 - Amendments approved unanimously.
- **Closing Remarks and Adjournment (59:17 - 01:08:22) (59:17 - 01:08:22)**
 - Final comments from board members on the importance of community engagement.
 - Acknowledgment of the former chair's contributions and transition to new leadership.
 - Meeting adjourned with plans for the next executive committee meeting.

Action items

- **Debbie Green**
 - Encourage public engagement by scheduling evening meetings to increase attendance

and feedback from younger community members (10:09)

- **Unassigned**

- Investigate enforcement of the ban on single-use plastics and Styrofoam on county-owned properties (10:43)
- Explore partnerships with companies like Ecopod for promoting refillable containers and bulk products (12:24)
- Conduct a workshop on waste stream management and potential solutions (01:00:36)

- **Stephanie Joffe**

- Develop educational materials for businesses and residents on waste reduction and reuse strategies (11:24)

- **Richard Ramchartar**

- Investigate the methane emissions from waste and develop strategies to reduce them (14:20)