


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
 City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
 CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: August 3, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director
 City Administration
Subject: Appointment for Two Openings (Youth and Business) on the Climate Action Committee
Recommendation : That the Mayor and City Council Make Appointment to the openings on the Climate Action Committee Based on interviews Conducted earlier in the evening
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No XX N/A
 Net General Fund Cost: N/A
 Amount: \$0

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION:

This item is to request that the City Council make appointment to the two openings on the Climate Action Committee based on interviews conducted earlier in the evening, and provide direction regarding any vacant positions.

BACKGROUND:

At its January 7, 2020 meeting, the Council authorized the formation and composition of the Climate Action Committee (CAC) to address climate change policy and issues. At its October 20, 2020 meeting the Council appointed the initial members to the CAC. However, some seats remained unfilled at that time. At its April 20, 2021 Council meeting, the Council authorized reopening these vacancies (business owner representative and environmental justice) and authorized adding a second youth position. The City has received two applications, one for a youth representative, and one from a business owner. No applications have been received for the environmental justice position.

The CAC composition is flexible, up to 13 members appointed by Council. The current membership is as follows:

City Councilmember	Diana Rich
City Councilmember (alternate)	Sarah Glade Gurney
Planning Commissioner	Luke Lindenbusch
Sebastopol business owner	VACANT
Sebastopol Climate Action/Climate Group representative	Liselotte Pierce
Sebastopol Climate Action/Climate Group representative	Dena Allen
Sebastopol Climate Action/Climate Group representative	Alex Goodman

Sebastopol Climate Group / climate background representative	Gerald Glaser
Rights of Nature background	Sunai Shanti Sikand
Climate background	Woody Hastings
Climate background	Kenna Lee
Climate background	Joshua Somine
Youth Representative (ages 17-23)	Sarah Elliot
Youth Representative (ages 17-23)	VACANT
Environmental justice representative	VACANT

Term limits have not yet been set for this committee, however the CAC has discussed term limits and will be presenting during their informational report.

DISCUSSION:

The City Council conducted interviews with the following:

(2 Applicants)

Name of Applicant

- Debbie Burnes (business owner)
- Jesenia Garcia (youth)

GOALS:

This item relates to City Council Goal 5: Provide open and responsive Municipal Government Leadership, as it communicates the CAC’s work to the Council and general community. It also relates to General Plan Goal CSF 6, policy SCF 6-1, Continue to maximize public participation in local government actions and maintain excellent levels of City government services.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action tonight.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council:

1. Make Appointment to the openings on the Climate Action Committee based on interviews conducted; or
2. Re-open Recruitment (to include vacancy of environmental justice representative); or
3. Postpone recruitment for vacant position(s)

If the Council reopens recruitment, the CAC and staff recommend the opening be ‘until filled’, or until the CAC has discussed term limits for Council review.

Attachments:

None

