


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
 City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
 CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: April 18, 2023
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director
 City Administration
Subject: Interview for Openings on the Climate Action Committee
Recommendation : That the Mayor and City Council Interview Applicant (Appointment to be made later in the agenda)
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No 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 Interview one applicants for one of the two youth openings on the Climate Action Committee.

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, and later approved committee member terms at 2 years, with the first set of inaugural members having either 2 or 3 year terms to provide for future staggered appointment to the committee. December 2023 was the term ending date for those with 2 year appointments.

The CAC composition is flexible, up to 13 members appointed by Council, with 2 year terms. Members must reside in 95472 zip code area. Climate Action Committee (also known as the CAC) meets the 2nd Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

There are currently a few vacancies on the committee, including two youth vacancies on the CAC, one due to a student leaving for college, and the recent resignation of Argus Brent. All recruitments are held open until filled. The City has received one application, for one of the youth positions, and this item is to interview for that position.

Current Committee composition (with open positions highlighted)

Committee Members	Role	Term End
Alex Goodman	Climate Action group	12/31/2024
Dena Allen	Climate Action group	12/31/2023
Josho Somine	Ecological Background	12/31/2024
Kenna Lee	Climate Background	12/31/2023
Liselotte (Lisa) Pierce	Climate Action group	12/31/2023

Sunali Shanti Sikand	Rights of Nature	12/31/2023
Emmett Hopkins	Climate Action and expertise	12/31/2024
VACANT	Env Justice Representative	12/31/2024
VACANT	Youth Representative	12/31/2023
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Ambrosia Thomson	Zero Waste/Recology expert	12/31/2023
Deborah Burnes / RECRUITING **see notes	Business Owner Representative	12/31/2023
Evert Fernandez / Deborah Burnes** see notes	Planning Commission liaison	as assigned
Sandra Maurer	Council Zero Waste liaison	as assigned
Diana Rich, Councilmember	Council “at large” liaison	as assigned

*As assigned - terms coincide with assignment from Council/Commission

** The City is recruiting for a business owner representative, as Planning Commission would like to designate Deborah Burnes as it’s representative.

Time of Interview **Name of Applicant**

5:30 pm Ruby Seidner Youth Position

GOALS:

This item relates to City Council Goal 5:
Provide open and responsive Municipal Government Leadership

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, if staff receives, 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 conduct the interview and consider appointment later in the agenda.

Attachments:

Application (redacted)

Youth Application Instructions:

Use this form to apply to serve on any of the City of Sebastopol’s Boards, Committees or Commissions.

Please complete the entire form and either print and mail it to the address above or email your completed application to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org. If a question does not apply, please note as not applicable. Please deliver completed form, by the date and time due to the City Clerk. All applications will be reviewed by the City Council. Interviews may be required by City Council. If appointed, you have a choice whether you wish to have your contact information visible to the public; however, your information may be made public upon request by (a) member(s) of the public.

Board, Commission, or Committee being applied for? Climate Action

Name: Ruby Seidner Age 14

Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:
[Redacted] Sebastopol, California, 95472

Phone Number: [Redacted]

If appointed, do you want this number to be visible to the public? Yes No I am a minor (your phone number will not be made public)

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

If appointed, do you want this address to be visible to the public? Yes No I am a minor (your email will not be made public)

Do you live in Sebastopol? Yes No

Do you go to school in Sebastopol? Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of this body? When?

No _____

Can you make a one-year commitment to participating on this board/commission/committee? Yes No

Have you served on, interviewed for, or applied for this body previously? Yes No

If so, when? _____

Do you have a job? Yes No

Polophony Lit

If yes, who is your present employer: _____

Junior Editor

Job Title: _____

Please list school clubs and/or civic or charitable organizations to which you belong or have belonged:

Speech and Debate, Youth Speaks, Library Volunteering, 100k trees for humanity, Kni 


Describe the activities you have helped organize or taken part in through these groups or organizations.

Social Justice poetry, tabling, writing newsletters, public speaking, debating, compost s 

What special interests, skills and talents would you bring to this board, commission, or committee?

I bring so many skills to this wonderful committee, some include, writing, tabling, public 

Please list any educational programs or courses you have taken that relate to the work of this board/commission/committee

My biggest qualification for this committee is a program I did called Youthpower Climate 

Have you previously served on any governmental bodies? If so, please list position held and dates:

No

Please state why you would like to become a member of this board, commission or committee:

I would like to be a member of this committee because I know my fresh perspective as a 

To your knowledge, are you associated with any organization/employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

No

Yes. If yes, please state name of organization/employment: _____

Are there particular issues you think the board/committee/commission should concentrate on?

I think the committee should focus on the idea of adopting native/carbon-sucking plants as an ex

What exciting possibilities do you see for Sebastopol as a community in the future and how might this board/commission/committee help us get there?



I think Sebastopol could build a recycling center, with tree planting/seed bombing events that ge

Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application and materials provided with the application?



No

I certify that I have thoroughly read and understand all material in this application.

Applicant's Signature : _____

Ruby Seidner

Applicant's Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Date: 1/28/23

Parental Consent: (If applicable)

If applicant is under age 18, parent/guardian must complete the following:

As parent/guardian of this minor, I have reviewed the volunteer application form and give my consent for (name) Ruby Seidner , (age) 14 : To participate in this volunteer committee/commission/board.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: 2/28/23