



**City of St. Helena
Active Transportation and Sustainability
Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 1, 2022 @ 5:00 PM**

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2. ROLL CALL
Committee Chair: Leslie Stanton; Vice Chair: Jeff Farmer
Members: Glenn Smith, Madelyn Chandler, and John Zimmerman
Alternate Members: Katie MacDonnell and Vacant
City Council Member Liaison: Paul Dohring, Vice Mayor
Staff Liaison: Preya Nixon, Asst. to the City Manager
3. PUBLIC FORUM:
An opportunity for the public to directly address the Committee on items of interest to the public that are not listed on the agenda. Any person addressing the Committee should provide his or her name and address, and limit comments to three minutes. **Because of restrictions imposed by the Brown Act, the Committee may not engage in substantive discussion, nor take action on matters not described on the agenda.**
4. REPORTS BY STAFF AND COMMITTEE:
Reports by staff and/or committee on items of general interest. ***Brief questions for clarification may be posed and answered, and Committee may request that items be placed on a future agenda. Except under certain circumstances, the Brown Act prohibits any other discussion or action by the Active Transportation & Sustainability Committee.***
5. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Members of the Active Transportation Committee or the public may ask that any items be considered individually for purposes of considering alternative action, for extended discussion, or for public comment. Unless that is done, on motion may be used to adopt all recommendation actions.
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 - Review and approval of Committee governing language
 - Presentation from Fire Chief John Sorensen regarding vehicular speeding and potential traffic mitigation
 - Active Transportation Plan Phase II
 - Presentation from Fire Chief John Sorensen regarding vehicular speeding and potential traffic mitigation
 - Potential Reusable Foodware and Waste Reduction Ordinance
 - Potential Ban on Gas Powered Leaf Blowers Ordinance
8. ADJOURNMENT
The next regular Active Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm, at a location to be determined.

I do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on the City website on May 20, 2022

/s/ Preya Nixon

Preya Nixon, Asst. to the City Manager

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1. Send a Public Comment in Advance to publiccomment@cityofsthelena.org

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The host will be notified that you've raised your hand and you will be placed in a queue with all incoming requests.

When it is your turn to speak, you will be notified that the host has unmuted you. To be removed from the queue, just click the '**raise hand**' button again.

3. Call in to the ZOOM meeting from a cell phone or landline phone only

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The host will be notified that you would like to speak and you will be placed in a queue with all incoming requests.

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City of St. Helena
Active Transportation and Sustainability
Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stanton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following were present:

Committee Chair: Leslie Stanton, Vice Chair: Jeff Farmer

Members: Madelyn Chandler, and John Zimmerman

Alternate Members: Terra Sampson, Katherine MacDonnell

Staff Liaison: Preya Nixon, Asst. to the City Manager

Interim City Manager Jim McCann

Excused: Katie MacDonnell

Excused: Vice Mayor Dohring

3. PUBLIC FORUM:

Public comment was received from Bob Figoni, Napa Climate NOW!

4. REPORTS BY STAFF AND COMMITTEE:

Reports were held.

4.1. Update on Vine Trail Alignment Through the City of St. Helena

Interim City Manager, Jim McCann provided update.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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5.1. Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2022

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[Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee - 02 Feb 2022 - DRAFT MINUTES](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Farmer and seconded by member Chair Stanton to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on February 2, 2022.

The motion passed.

- 5.2. Special Joint Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2022

[DRAFT MINUTES Special Joint Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting- 02 Mar 2022](#)

A motion was made by member Zimmerman and seconded by Vice Char Farmer to approve the minutes for the Special Joint Meeting held on March 2, 2022 as amended to change Albertsons to Safeway.

The motion passed.

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- 6.1. Receive Presentation from Schools for Climate Action

Recommendation:

Receive presentation and conduct discussion

[Napa S4CA - St. Helena's ATSC Presentation](#)

Presentation was given by Emily Bit and Alisa Karesh of Students for Climate Action.

Committee discussion was held.

Public comment was received from Lori Stelling.

- 6.2. Review and Provide Recommendation on Draft Climate Emergency Resolution

[ATSC Staff Report](#)

[2022 DRAFT Climate Emergency Resolution](#)

[Climate Change Chapter - General Plan Update 2040](#)

[City Council Vision and Mission Statement](#)

Staff report was given by Preya Nixon

Committee discussion was held.

Public comment was received from Jim Wilson.

A motion was made by Member Smith and seconded by Chair Stanton to incorporate changes into the proposed resolution in the following redlined document (see attached document).

The motion passed.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Review and approval of Committee governing language

- Discussion and feedback regarding the proposed ban of gas power leaf blowers
- Presentation from Fire Chief John Sorensen regarding vehicular speeding and potential traffic mitigation
- Active Transportation Plan Phase II
- Added: Presentation on Firewise efforts

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stanton adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

The next regular Active Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2022 at 5:00 pm, at a location to be determined.

Approved

Attest

Chair

Preya Nixon,
Assistant to the City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENA , COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, there is broad scientific consensus that climate change caused by human activity represents a growing danger to human health, safety, and economic prosperity, and that the window of opportunity for long term climate preservation is rapidly closing; and

WHEREAS, 195 countries have signed the "Paris Agreement" acknowledging the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it, agreeing to keep global mean temperature "well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels" and to "pursue efforts to limit temperature increase to 1.5°C;" and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, "Global Warming of 1.5°C," affirmed that "Limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society," and further projected that the earth could reach and exceed this temperature threshold as soon as 2030, far earlier than previously anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 US government report, "Fourth National Climate Assessment," detailed the massive threat to the American economy posed by climate change and underscored the need for immediate climate emergency action at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, California, Napa County and their residents, economy, and environment have already experienced dramatic adverse effects from climate change, including prolonged wildfire seasons, firestorms, rising temperatures, mudslides, floods, severe droughts, property destruction, damage to infrastructure, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, climate breakdown, while endangering all people, disproportionately impacts the young and the most vulnerable, exacerbating existing social justice and other inequities.

WHEREAS, Executive Order B-55-18 established a new Statewide goal to achieve carbon neutrality as soon as possible, and no later than 2045, and achieve and maintain net negative emissions thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL THE CITY OF ST. HELENA DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a climate emergency exists, and that it threatens our city, region, state, nation, and the natural world.
2. That the scientific evidence indicates that an urgent global climate mobilization effort to reverse global warming is needed as quickly as possible towards zero net emissions with a goal by 2030 and that the City of St. Helena shall commit to evaluating all planning and policy decisions through the lens of this pledge and the most current scientific evidence, and to implement both immediate and sustained actions in support of its achievement.
3. That the St. Helena City Council, recognizing the need for full community participation and support, commits to providing leadership and services (i.e. staff and resources) in working with community organizations, businesses, schools, and regional partners and jurisdictions to educate, mobilize, expand, and accelerate local, regional and statewide support for comprehensive, immediate, and sustained action to achieve its goal of net zero climate pollution by 2030.

4. That the City of St. Helena will prioritize actions identified in ~~will look to~~ the City's General Plan, and look to it for guidance on climate goals and practices that support the provisions herein.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ____ 2022. I, _____, **CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENA, HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the _____ City Council by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:



Staff Report to the Active
Transportation and Sustainability
Committee
June 1, 2022

Subject: Framework for Ban on Gas Powered Leaf Blowers Ordinance and Reusable Foodware Ordinance

Prepared By: Preya Nixon, Assistant to the City Manager

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this staff report is to provide an introduction and framework on two (2) policy items that are to be reviewed by the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee (ATSC). It is expected that these two items will be presented in detail at subsequent Committee meetings for further review, and will then be presented to the City Council for consideration.

The City Council has a 3 Year Adopted Workplan. City Council Goal #6 is to “*support initiatives that respond to and plan for climate change*”. Goal 6F is to consider the ban on gas powered leaf blowers.

Additionally, Chapter 10 (“Element”) of the City’s Adopted General Plan focuses on Climate Change. The purpose of this Element is to present a framework to help the City respond and plan for climate change. The General Plan defines Climate Change as a “change in the average global climate that may be measured by wind patterns, storms, precipitation, and temperature.” The General Plan provides concepts, trends and ideas to how the City can make changes to combat Climate Change. A range of policies and implementing actions are categorized in topic five (5) areas including a topic on consumption and solid waste. Reusable foodware and compliant compostable foodware are a method to reduce solid waste.

DISCUSSION: Below is information pertaining to each specific policy.

Ban on Gas Powered Leaf Blowers

Connection to Sustainability: Restrictions on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers will yield multiple environmental benefits. The primary benefit will be a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions that result from the combustion of fossil fuels, in this case, gasoline. In addition, by only allowing electric or battery powered leaf blowers, it is anticipated that there will be a decrease in noise levels and a reduction in suspended dust and particulates. Electric and battery-powered blowers generally operate at a lower decibel levels and generate more moderate air speeds.

Outreach required: Outreach to local hardware stores and in the general business community is necessary. Staff will be reaching out to any businesses that provide landscaping services, as well as relevant community stakeholders.

Sample Ordinances:
[Town of Yountville](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[City of Calistoga](#)

Rebate Program:

Town of Yountville [Residential](#) and [Commercial](#)

City of Calistoga [Residential](#) and [Commercial](#)

The City of St. Helena is in the process of evaluating a potential rebate program that would fit the needs of the community, and it is anticipated that staff will present additional information at the next ATSC meeting.

Single Use Plastics/Reusable Foodware

Connection to Sustainability: Reusable Foodware will reduce the amount of waste that will end up in landfills, decrease litter and lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with producing the disposable foodware. Approved compostable products would be allowed for take out items.

Outreach: Outreach would include to the business community and community groups with potential workshops for education and feedback.

Sample Ordinances or code language

[San Anselmo](#)

[Marin County](#)

[Berkeley](#)

[Sausalito](#)

Sample Frequently asked questions/Resources:

[City of Berkeley](#)

[Marin County](#)

[Marin County Frequently Asked Questions](#)