

Sierra Club Ex Com Special Meeting re: UCSC LRDP DEIR

March 3, 2021 6:30-8:30 (15 minutes extra allowed, adjourning at 8:45)

Attending: Steve Bakaley, Micah Posner, Jerry Busch, Gillian Greensite, Bob Morgan, Bruce Sawhill, Mike Guth, Adam Scow, Steve McGuirk, Ron Goodman, Lisa Hochstein, Batya Kagan, Kristen Sandel (notetaker)

1. Welcome, introductions (5 mins.)

2. Check-ins, announcements (10 mins.)

3. Request to modify agenda from Adam Scow: Add-on draft letter to PVUSD in support of Project Bike Tech @ Pajaro Valley High School (bike mechanic class, currently serving over 150 students, in danger of being shut down) **Item added.**

4. Appeal Letter to CA Coastal Commission re: Riverfront/Front St. development, letter drafted by Mike Guth with input from Steve Leonard, Gillian Greensite, Kristen Sandel, put out for vote Cons Com vote 3/1, approved unanimously by Cons Com. Discussion.

Sierra Club Letter to CCC, motion to approve: Mike Guth. Seconded, Steve Bakaley. **Vote to approve: UNANIMOUS**

5. Sierra Club Comments on UCSC LRDP DEIR, including suggestion from Trans Com for Sierra Club to sponsor a community forum discussing potential impacts of the UCSC expansion.

Sierra Club response to UCSC DEIR, organized by section: Water, Biological Resources/Biotics, Transportation & Housing

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 5 pm Monday, 3/8/21

Document needs to be collated, add header and footer: Mike Guth and Micah Posner will collate on this, Gillian Greensite add intro and summary paragraphs.

a.) Water: Kristen Sandel, Mike Guth, Micah, (in order). Motion to approve: Micah Posner. Seconded, Mike Guth. **Vote to approve: UNANIMOUS.**

b.) Biological resources/Biotics: Jerry Busch, Kristen Sandel. Approval of comments as submitted by Jerry, Kristen. Gillian will write intro paragraph by Friday, 3/5/21. Micah and Mike will review, edit. Jerry & Kristen empowered to review any changes. Motion to approve: Mike Guth. Seconded, Steve(s) Bakaley & McGuirk. **Vote to approve: UNANIMOUS**

c.) Transportation & Housing: Micah Posner
Discussion. Micah empowered to work with Lisa H. to clean up grammar, clarify language. Friendly amendment by Gillian to remove wording, "as high as the market will bear," re: on-campus parking fees. Accepted.

Housing: Micah Posner

Discussion. Micah will write additional paragraph in housing comments with input from Gillian re: housing numbers stipulated in DEIR. Friendly amendment by Gillian re: rework language on actual on-campus housing capacity. Friendly amendment by Mike Guth, add language re: mitigations & removal of section re: train stop. Friendly amendment by Mike Guth: authorize Micah & Steve McGuirk to add language with input from Gillian. Motion to approve: Mike Guth. Seconded, Steve Bakaley. **Vote to approve amended motion: UNANIMOUS**

6. Discussion: Trans Com suggestion to hold Club sponsored community forum re: UCSC expansion. No vote taken, pending further discussion re: opposition vs. critique/education.

7. Draft Letter to Santa Cruz City Council re: Proposed Homeless Camping Ordinance: Letter drafted by Sierra Club member Lisa Hochstein. Discuss. Friendly amendment by Mike Guth re: alteration of language to stronger legal wording, more specific assertions of legality asserting need to protect riparian & wildlife areas. Accepted. Friendly amendment by Steve McGuirk to remove word "banishment," replace with "relocation." Accepted. Friendly amendment by Mike: Language re: enforcement should be #1, address habitat disturbance, danger of open fires and water pollution, remove language re: drug dealing. Accepted. Jerry asks if the disturbance may be severe enough to warrant CEQA review? Letter should request answers to our questions. City council vote Tuesday 3/9, letter must be submitted by 5 PM Monday, 3/8. Micah will edit letter, produce final draft with input from Mike Guth. Motion to approve: Jerry. Seconded, Steve McGuirk. **Vote to approve: UNANIMOUS**

8. Procedural vote to spend extra 15 minutes discussing Project Bike Tech letter to PVUSD Board. Motion to approve: Mike Guth. Seconded, Micah Posner. Vote to approve: UNANIMOUS

9. Discuss letter re Project Bike Tech and the retention of its teacher. Motion to authorize Micah and Adam to rework language of letter to de-emphasize personnel aspects, concentrate on climate & environmental benefits of cycling: Adam Scow. Seconded, Kristen Sandel. **Vote to approve: 7 YES, 1 abstention: (Bruce Sawhill).**

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