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New Castle Climate and Environment Commission Regular Meeting Thursday, September 19, 2024, 4:00 PM

Members Present:

Chair Elder, Commissioner Leland, Commissioner Candriea, Commissioner Barnes

Members Absent: Commissioner Anglemyer, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Bakich

Call to Order

Commission Chair Tom Elder called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

1. Appoint Vice-Chair

Tom discussed the need for a vice-chair to fill in in his absence.

Commissioner Leland moved to make Commissioner Morris the vice-chair, with her approval once she returns from vacation. Chair Elder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Discussion of Fire Fighter Film at Library

In partnership with the New Castle Library, the CEC will show the film, "Elemental: Reimagine Wildfire" on Saturday, October 12th, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the New Castle Library. Nancy will introduce the film. After the film, the CEC members present will help facilitate a Q&A with the audience. Bruce will reach out to the fire department and a Town Council member or other relevant Town staff member to attend the film and speak on the Town's Emergency Evacuation plan.

3. Budget Recommendation to Council for Bag Fee Funds

The members discussed a list of options for using the Town's bag fee fund. The approximately \$17,000 fund must be allocated in the 2025 Town budget. After discussion, the group is forwarding three recommendations to Town Council:

- Place biodegradable dog waste bags in parks and Town spaces.
- Create a grant program to distribute funds to businesses that create a new environmentally friendly project such as: composting, using reusable takeout containers, recycling unusual waste, cleaning up an environmental hazard, etc.
- Create a homeowner grant program for xeriscaping projects.

4. Review Summer activities.

No review held.

5. New Business/Future Agenda Items.

The commission will discuss further details of their bag fee fund recommendations at the October meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Candriea made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Barnes
Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Tom Elder
Commission Chair Tom Elder