

Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: August 3, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: City Administration
 Responsible Department: Engineering Department
Subject: Interviews for Zero Waste Sub-Committee (Two Openings – Student Representative and Alternate Student Representative)
Recommendation: That the City Council Interview Applicants for the Two Openings on the Zero Waste Sub-Committee
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No ___X___ N/A
 Net General Fund Cost: \$0 N/A

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

INTRODUCTION: This item is to request that the Mayor and City Council conduct interviews for two openings on the Zero Waste Sub-Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sebastopol City Council approved the composition of a Zero Waste Sub-Committee at their meeting of December 4, 2018 with an amendment to the composition of the committee at the February 5, 2019 City Council Meeting as well as the June 1, 2021 City Council meeting where a student representative alternate position was also established. The composition and current sub-committee members are listed below:

Zero Waste Subcommittee Position	Name
City Council Member	Diana Rich
City Council Member	Sarah Glade Gurney
City Manager or Assistant City Manager	Larry McLaughlin or Alternate Mary Gourley
City Public Works Superintendent	Dante Del Prete
City Local AB939 Task Force Representative	Sunny Galbraith
Franchise Hauler Representative	Ambrosia Thomson
Commercial Entity Representative	Michael Siminitus
Commercial Entity Representative	Vacant
Citizen Representative	Vacant
Citizen Representative	Judy Morgan
Student Representative	Vacant
Alternate Student Representative	Vacant

DISCUSSION:

The interviews to be conducted tonight are to fill the opening on the Zero Waste Sub-Committee (Student Representative and Alternate Student Representative).

The City Clerk noticed the vacancy in the Sonoma West Time and News, City Hall Bulletin Board and various other media outlets on several separate occasions and received two applications for the Student Representative as of the deadline. The applications are attached. The City did not receive applications for the Commercial Entity Representative and Citizen Representative openings.

Two (2) 15-minute interviews for the applicants are scheduled as follows:

Interviews for Zero Waste Sub-Committee (Two Openings) (Student Representative and Alternate)

4:30: pm	Argus Brent - youth
4:45 pm	Jesenia Garcia - youth

GOALS:

5.1. Expand and Encourage Community Involvement in the Government Process by Increasing the Public's Understanding of local Government Operations and Increasing Interaction with Elected Officials

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:

Cost associated with this request can be accommodated within the current operational budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council:

1. Conduct the scheduled interviews for the openings on the Zero Waste Sub-Committee and make appointments later in the agenda

Attachments:

Applications

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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? Zero Waste Committee

Name: Argus Brent

Age: 15

Home Address, City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

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: _____

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?

I have not attended a meeting of this body.

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

If yes, who is your present employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Please list school clubs and/or civic or charitable organizations to which you belong or have belonged: Ceres Community Project, Orchard View School Green Team, Landpaths

Describe the activities you have helped organize or taken part in through these groups or organizations: I volunteer a weekly shift at Ceres Community Project preparing food. I take part in activities organized by the Green Team, and I volunteer as a counselor for youth day camps at Landpaths.

What special interests, skills and talents would you bring to this board, commission, or committee?: I am interested in environmental law, and am considering it as a career. I've already had experience with environmental legislature, having partaken in my school's "Climate Action Night" presentation on pieces of environmental legislature. I have also created a website showcasing our local regional parks for an Earth Month Project.

Please list any educational programs or courses you have taken that relate to the work of this board/commission/committee: I participated in Earth Month Project for Orchard View School

(created a website highlighting regional parks), participated in Climate Action Night by creating and presenting part of a slideshow on a climate-related bill, recently joined Orchard View School's Green Team and have participated in planned activities.

Have you previously served on any governmental bodies? If so, please list position held and dates: I have not served on any governmental bodies.

Please state why you would like to become a member of this board, commission or committee: Environmental legislature is a topic I'm very interested in, and the Zero Waste Committee would give me an opportunity to interact with it while serving my community and representing youth.

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?: Reducing food waste from restaurants is a huge issue that I've seen, so the Zero Waste Committee should focus on that.

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 see Sebastopol as a pioneer in local environmental legislature, with sweeping changes already implemented. The Zero Waste Committee can help achieve this goal by helping eliminate or greatly reduce the amount of waste produced by residents and businesses in Sebastopol, overall aiding our beautiful natural environment.

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?: Since I began my interest with environmental topics during the COVID-19 pandemic, I was not able to do as many related activities as I wanted (or participate in the ones I had signed up for to my maximum ability).

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

Applicant's Signature : _____

Applicant's Name (PLEASE PRINT): Argus Brent

Date: 6/30/21

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): Argus Brent , (age) 15: To participate in this volunteer committee/commission/board.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: 6/30/21



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Board, Commission, or Committee being applied for? Zero Waste Committee

Name: _____ Jesenia Garcia _____ Age 16

Home Address, City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

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: _____

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? I have 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

If yes, who is your present employer: Carr's Drive In. Job Title: Food Service Worker

Please list school clubs and/or civic or charitable organizations to which you belong or have belonged: I used to volunteer at Ceres Community Project, and next year will be my third year on the Green Team at Orchard View School.

Describe the activities you have helped organize or taken part in through these groups or organizations. In Green Team at Orchard View I have helped educate Apple Blossom students on composting, participated in Climate Action Night at the JC for two years in a row, and helped facilitate an Earth Month forum and anti-racist forum at Orchard View. I used to be a part of Ceres Community Project where I learned about gardening and cooking as well as work force oriented skills such as making resumes and preparing for job interviews.

What special interests, skills and talents would you bring to this board, commission, or committee? I am incredibly interested in environmental issues and solutions. I enjoy organizing everything and creating solutions, and I'm really passionate about everything I put my mind to.

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

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

Please state why you would like to become a member of this board, commission or committee: I am incredibly interested in projects, solutions, and issues surrounding the climate and our earth. I want to do my part to combat climate change and respect the earth therefore I think it's vital to gain experience and be exposed to the issues facing our community. I want to learn from people wiser than me and learn how to navigate environmental issues combined with societal factors. I really want to be more involved in this community and help where I can, as well as create connections with other community members who share similar perspectives. I believe being a part of this committee would be a valuable experience for me and where I want to go with my life.

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? To me the issue that the commission should concentrate on are single use plastics and the many ways they're woven into our lives especially with the pandemic. I think it's vital to look at how to transition out of plastics as we transition out of the pandemic. The mass amounts of plastic created and thrown away exacerbate climate change by trapping heat in our landfills.

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 would really love to see an increase in

environmentally friendly transportation, more incentives to walk and more bikes. I would love to see more support for refill stores and reusable options so grocery shopping starts involving less plastic. I would also love to see a decrease in the waste created by the multitude of restaurants, cafes, and food shops in Sebastopol.

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? I recently won \$500 dollars from Daily Acts for my submission to the Green Heart Community Design last year, which was a plan to reduce plastic waste that households, businesses, and schools could adopt. My dream was to make it specific enough to be helpful but vague enough to apply to any situation. I also recently organized a river clean up at Hacienda Bridge in Forestville and am helping with the Upcycled Art Project being created in Sebastopol.

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

Applicant's Signature: Jesenia Garcia

Applicant's Name (PLEASE PRINT): Jesenia Garcia

Date: 7/2/2021

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): Jesenia, (age) 16: To participate in this volunteer committee/commission/board.

Signature of Parent: Jean Steckney Date: 7-2-21