

Bond stated he is reviewing the CAP to verify comments made by the Committee have been included and will work with EDAW to make sure the draft is ready for public review.

Bond recommended the Committee identify how they will participate in the process of the CAP review with P&Z and City Council.

Preston Jordan asked about the review period and when the public review would be initiated.

Bond replied that the CAP public review will occur at the P&Z meetings in November, and City Council will have a study session in January.

Maas asked if a Committee member will participate in the CAP review during P&Z meetings. Smith-Heimer replied that she will be present as she is the designated liaison.

6-3. Landscape proposal for a green Albany – Catherine Stern (Urban Landscape Subcommittee)

Catherine Stern provided a presentation to the Committee regarding residential gardens. Supports streamlining the process for a Whole Foods and a farmers market. A farmer's market would provide a community activity and place where Albany grown foods can be shared, and would like to utilize local resources to improve residential gardens to produce food with surplus shared locally. Recommends developing a loan program provided by the City for improvement of gardens, and City sponsorship of a garden program.

O'Keefe stated the subcommittee met with Stern and identified items that they recommended. Schrifft listed the items including organized local gleaning, bringing people together to garden, and providing educational workshops. Cooper noted that there are a lot of pieces to the proposal, and would need to organize it further to determine what the Committee could support.

Smith-Heimer noted that the Committee can promote public projects.

O'Keefe stated that the City's budget is constrained, and recommended promoting the items at green Albany day.

O'Keefe suggested the Committee endorse specific aspects of the proposal, and support moving them forward.

Catherine Stern stated she would like 10 households signed up during green Albany day to develop gardens.

Cooper stated that a lead would need to develop the program and would be able to have a booth at the event.

O'Keefe offered to work with Stern on the item further.

6-4. Discuss concept of an Albany Farmer's Market (Stephanie Sala, Supporters)

Stephanie Sala outlined the concept of a farmer's market. Many organizations are interested in the event but have not taken a leadership role. Sala has reviewed several locations, Cornell school grounds seem to be the best location available. Sala envisions a community-oriented market, and a market that promotes sustainable food production. Sala introduced Urban Table, which is a group that provides assistance in developing farmer's markets. Sala would like to hold the market on Wednesdays.

Smith-Heimer asked if there is enough demand for a market in Albany, and if vendors are interested.

Sala and Urban Table replied that they have a variety of vendors that are interested.

Sala added that it would be helpful to have the Committee support the market concept, and assist in recommending fees be waived for permitting.

Cooper motioned that the Committee supports the concept of a regular farmers market within the City, applauds the efforts thus far by Sala, and encourages any waiving of fees or other activities that will facilitate bringing the event to Albany. Seconded by Schrifft. Unanimously approved.

7. REPORTS

7-1. Long Range Planning/Sustainable Development Subcommittee – update

Smith-Heimer reported that they met and discussed wind energy, and are continuing to develop this item further.

7-2. Urban Landscape Subcommittee – update

Schrifft reported that they did not meet prior to the meeting.

7-3. Education Subcommittee – update

Cooper reported that they met to discuss Green Albany Day and whether workshops should be included this year given that the character of the event is changing this year. O'Keefe stated that it is important to have a workshop to add educational value to the event.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).

8-1. Next meeting November 18, 2009 – 979 San Pablo Avenue

8-2. Discussion regarding scheduling of December 16, 2009 meeting.

Bond stated that city staff will be moving back into City Hall during December and that staff support for the December meeting will be limited.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.