



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Community Development Department  
979 San Pablo Avenue  
November 18, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Smith-Heimer.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Dan Lieberman Janet Smith-Heimer  
Caryl O'Keefe April Yang

Members Absent: Tom Cooper, Miya Kitahara, Suzanne Schrift

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3-1. Approve minutes from October 21 meeting (attached)**

Minutes approved unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

**5-1. Energy Efficiency Projects/Grant Funding Update (Attachment 1)**

Smith-Heimer provided the update. PG&E provides a turnkey LED street light replacement program for cities. This was an item listed on the Clean and Green Task Force items, and is included in the CAP.

Funding would be provided by the California Energy Commission energy efficiency grant funds and low interest loan. Additionally grants are being pursued for a municipal financing program for energy efficiency/alternative energy retrofits for single family homes, and for expansion of the Stopwaste.org Green Packages program.

**6. REPORTS**

**6-1. Long Range Planning/Sustainable Development Subcommittee – update**

The subcommittee discussed wind energy and agreed to develop an outreach presentation regarding renewable energy opportunities. They will work more on this item and provide more for the SC to review.

O'Keefe added that the City Council reviewed the Measure WW Eastshore State Park item and one City Council Member stated they did not support experimentation regarding renewable energy at the Bulb.

**6-2. Urban Landscape Subcommittee – update**

O'Keefe reported that they have selected some documents to place on the City's website regarding Bay Friendly Landscaping and gray water. O'Keefe will forward the web links for the SC to review and for staff to update the website.

**6-3. Education Subcommittee – update**

Yang reported they attended a planning meeting regarding the "Arts and Green Festival". They are considering how to implement workshops, how to create interactive booths, another meeting will be held in December.

Additionally Yang attended an AUSD meeting. The Committee agreed that they would like to discuss greening AUSD further.

**7. DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**7-1. Draft Climate Action Plan – discuss next steps and identify any additional comments**

Bond provided an overview, and included a matrix of CAP measures and proposed implementation dates. Bond will be discussing the item with P&Z. City Council will have a study session on January 4<sup>th</sup> which will be an interactive session on the CAP to get feedback. The City Council will review the CAP for approval in March.

Smith-Heimer asked when additional comments should be provided by the Committee.

Bond stated the Committee should participate in the January 4<sup>th</sup> study session.

Public Comment:

Ed Fields: asked about the introduction section - levels of greenhouse gas emissions, projections and accuracy. Reviewed the City of Berkeley's CAP and it does not have implementation targets, and it includes adaptation within their CAP. Concerned about neighborhood-serving uses within ¼ mile of residences, and prefers building energy measures to achieve goals.

Preston Jordan: the CAP reads that it will be updated every three years, suggests setting timeframes to match that.

Carbon Neutral Albany is interested in a utility tax as a means to fund implementation of the CAP. They are also

interested in a residential parking fee. Asked about the point of sale ordinance and thinks the estimated number of properties is overstated.

Strollers & Rollers – complete streets take much longer to implement, and recommend two stages of implementation. Combine transportation planning with bicycle master plan timing.

Lieberman noted that the projections for the larger measures are unrealistic.

Smith-Heimer added that she would like to create better goals and enhance language so that measures are more of mandates.

O’Keefe stated that some of the projects have already been completed such as demolition of the buildings at UC Village and development of energy efficient buildings including plumbing for gray water. There are significant costs associated with implementation when all items are added up. O’Keefe suggested prioritization should focus on measures that have high ghg reductions, ease of implementation, and staff time.

Smith-Heimer stated that many of the measures can be implemented with grant assistance, and City Council should consider whether a utility tax should be considered for funding implementation.

Bond added that bulleted information will be provided to City Council to consider the larger policy items.

**7-2. Energy Efficiency Block Grant Funding / LED Street Light Replacement project – review project proposal for recommendation to City Council (Attachment 2)**

Smith-Heimer asked about the cost estimates and whether they are competitive.

Lieberman asked if PG&E could identify where other LEDs have been installed.

The Committee did not take action on this item.

Bond will follow up regarding timing for City Council and let the Committee know if response is needed.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8-1. Next meeting - discussion regarding scheduling of December 16, 2009 meeting.**

Community Development Department will be moving back to City Hall during the regular meeting date. The Committee agreed to meet on either December 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. Staff will email to determine when most are available.

The agenda will include discussion of the City Council CAP study session, and AUSD Sustainability practices.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45p.m.