

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Community Development Department 979 San Pablo Avenue September 10, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cooper at 7:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tom Cooper Dan Lieberman Janet Smith-Heimer April Yang

Miya Kitahara Suzanne Schrift Caryl O'Keefe

Others Present: Jeff Bond, Planning Manager

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Fields: asked about UC Village and applicability to the Climate Action Plan.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

5-1. Review Draft Administrative Climate Action Plan and formulate comments to provide to EDAW at next regular meeting

The Committee agreed to discuss general comments and format regarding the document, with public comment taken first, then discussed sections in detail.

Public Comment:

Ed Fields: would like CAP measures to apply to UC Village to EIR.

Preston Jordan: suggested taking out the measures that are not as effective, or establish a rigorous prioritization, and to vertically integrate the document sections to make the document more usable, and recommended identifying a tax to fund the measures, and establishing a parking fee.

Kitahara distributed written comments regarding the CAP.

O'Keefe noted the excel spreadsheet from EDAW should allow for sorting, and asked whether it could be reformatted prior to the upcoming meeting.

The Committee agreed that prioritization of measures will be conducted following completion of the CAP. Cooper noted that a column that details the costs to the city needs to be included, along with identifying related

grant funding.

The Committee would like to know how the timetables were identified by EDAW.

O'Keefe recommended the metric tons column identify the percentage of the total tons goal, and would like to remove the non-quantifiable measures.

Smith-Heimer noted that some of the items determined non-quantifiable may be quantifiable, and EDAW should research these items further. Cooper agreed.

Cooper recommended having a subtotal of ghg reduction emissions within each section. And length of time to complete as opposed to timetables.

Kitahara stated she would like to keep the non quantifiable measures, including public education, and include additional measures including local agriculture/local food and goods, and include a global perspective. Liberman agreed it is an important issue to identify within the CAP.

Lieberman suggested a separate category for the food/goods items that denotes that it was not included within the initial ghg inventory model.

Smith-Heimer suggested making the introduction more concise, and citing particular future land use development projects to be considered.

Kitahara suggested adding a discussion within the CAP regarding peak oil reduction protocol and reviewed her general written comments.

Specific section comments:

TL1.1 - 1.5 - Public comments:

TL 1.1.: Ed Fields: include intent to minimize VMT on San Pablo Avenue.

Preston Jordan (Strollers & Rollers letter): Include specific implementation and separate the two items.

TL1.1 - 1.5 - Committee comments:

O'Keefe suggested a timetable change for the items related to the General Plan given the General Plan Update has been postponed.

Smith-Heimer stated 1.1 and 1.3 are redundant.

The Committee agreed to combine 1.1 and 1.3.

Smith-Heimer suggested revising 1.5 language: encourage methods to reduce auto trips for daily shopping by improving the number of local serving stores and methods for getting people to the stores.

TL2:

Smith-Heimer noted the items are redundant re. the study, and that these items could be quantified, and include a shuttle.

TL3:

Ed Fields- TL3.2 – needs to have actions associated with it. TL3.4 – include language regarding secondary units to encourage infill.

Preston Jordan: questioned calculations within TL3.1 and 3.2, and encouraged top down targets.

Smith-Heimer recommended simplifying the language and including three goals: promote new development as urban infill, measure projects over a certain size for ghg emissions and include incentives.

TL4:

Cooper would like to see quantification for the measures and cost estimates, and recommends including strategies to minimize the number of students being driven to the schools.

O'Keefe questioned timing and applicability of employment development program – TL4.1a,

TL4.4 seems difficult to implement and enforce, and requires clarification.

Smith-Heimer recommended combining rideshare and carshare items.

TL5:

Preston Jordan (COA): encouraged creating a residential parking fee instead of a commercial district parking fee. Provides an incentive to move cars off the side of the street and allow better access for bicycles.

Cooper would like to have more information regarding a commercial parking fee, and data that demonstrate how it reduces car travel.

Cooper recommended eliminating TL5, and include a study of parking fees within TL4.

BE

Ed Fields: BE4.3 – concern with development incentives allowing multiple stories/height bonuses.

The Committee agreed to remove the incentives within BE4.3.

Preston Jordan: calculation for BE2.1 needs to be redone, BE4.2 is not applicable to most residential, suggests deleting BE6.1 and BE6.7.

Cooper recommended combining BE5 and BE2.

Preston Jordan: recommended using local data for wastewater.

Bond will summarize the items raised and provide to the Committee to confirm accuracy, then the comments will be forwarded to EDAW for work prior to the next meeting.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 6-1. Next meeting September 16, 2009 1247 Marin Avenue Edith Stone Room
 - Comments on Draft Administrative CAP (EDAW, Inc.),
 - Review draft UC Village EIR, comments provided by the Long-Range Planning Subcommittee and formulate comments to provide to the Planning & Zoning Commission
 - Review letter to USDA re. garden
 - Review letter to Fern Tiger Associates re. inclusion of climate change data within planning study