



**MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**City Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue
May 19, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cooper at 7:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cooper, Kitahara, Lieberman, Price, Schrift, Smith Heimer, Yang

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from March 17, 2010 meeting (attached)

Minutes approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

5-1. Introduction of new Committee Member Del Price

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

6-1. Climate Action Plan implementation – staff update, reports from subcommittees, and determine implementation recommendations

Almaguer provided a draft implementation plan for the Committee to review, noting that the item will be going to City Council in June along with a proposed budget.

Price recommended adding an implementation schedule to the plan, and clarifying that the implementation plan includes an updated implementation schedule as compared to the dates listed in the CAP. Price also recommended developing a community outreach piece to provide general information regarding the benefits of the CAP.

The Committee recommended specific measures listed in the medium/long – term implementation section be moved to the short-term implementation section including BE -2.5, BE-3.2, TL-2.3, and WC-1.2. Additionally, clarification was added to BE-4.3 to note that the Committee would like this item to become a priority pending the outcome of proposed legislation.

Preston Jordan submitted comments to the Committee via email regarding pursuit of a utility tax to fund implementation of the CAP. Almaguer provided an email from the City Administrator discussing the current process to update the telecommunications portion of the tax, and recommending an increase to the gas and electric utility taxes in two years.

The Committee agreed to discuss the concept of the utility tax at a future meeting, detail regarding the current utility tax will be gathered prior to the meeting.

The Committee agreed that the subcommittees will meet again to identify particular CAP measures that they can provide assistance on. Price agreed to work on the non land-use transportation subcommittee.

6-2. Arts & Green Festival – discuss event outcome, and determine whether to collaborate on event for 2011

Kitahara provided a summary finding that the event was successful, as well as recommendations for the next event. Cooper noted that the City's Recreation Department has indicated that they will not be able to lead the event next year. Almaguer reported that the Albany Community Foundation has agreed to serve as the event lead and that Transition Albany has also expressed interest in assisting as event lead.

Cooper will attend a meeting to discuss the event outcome and future event.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7-1. Next meeting June 16, 2010 – 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Council Chambers

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.