

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

City Council Chambers 1000 San Pablo Avenue February 17, 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: Tom Cooper Dan Lieberman Caryl O'Keefe

Miya Kitahara Suzanne Schrift April Yang

Members Absent: Janet Smith-Heimer 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from January 20, 2010 meeting (attached)

Minutes unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Kitahara announced that Transition Albany is hosting a showing of the Age of Stupid on March 7th at the Albany Twin.

6. REPORTS

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

The subcommittee discussed development of a presentation to conduct outreach regarding renewable energy including wind energy.

6-2. Urban Landscape Subcommittee – update

The subcommittee discussed the California Model Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance, and would like to have the item on a future agenda to receive information from planning regarding potential to decrease minimum threshold and include Bay Friendly requirements. They also discussed opportunities to promote turf replacement, the possibility of discussing with USDA, and developing an information board for the Arts & Green festival.

6-3. Education Subcommittee – update

The subcommittee discussed the Arts & Green festival and planning is continuing. Two workshops are planned.

6-4. Energy Efficiency projects/funding – update

Almaguer provided an update regarding upcoming regional grants the City is participating in as well as the small cities grant from EPA. The California FIRST program is also in development and expected to launch in the summer.

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

7-1. Final Climate Action Plan – review final version and make recommendation to City Council

Shrift requested the stormwater paragraph on page III-52 be edited and will provide language.

Kitahara requested clarification regarding the growth projections, and would like language added to clarify that development projects will be expected to comply with both the CAP requirements and CEQA guidelines, and require projects to quantify greenhouse gas emissions.

O'Keefe requested the language "point of sale" be added back to the measure title for BE 2.3, and that the cost column be added back to the non quantified measures.

Cooper moved to approve the proposed changes to the final draft CAP. Seconded by Shrift. Unanimously approved. Cooper moved to approve the final draft CAP as amended. Seconded by Lieberman.

Vote: in favor – Cooper, Kitahara, Lieberman, Schrift, Yang. Opposed – O'Keefe.

7-2. Climate Action Plan Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration – review and make recommendation to City Council

The Committee did not take action on this item.

7-3. Bag Reduction Ordinance – discuss interest in developing a city ordinance to reduce single use bags

The Committee agreed that additional research should be conducted to current practices of local retailers and whether they are promoting reusable bags, and to work with the Chamber of Commerce /Solano Ave Association to determine receptiveness to a potential ordinance. Almaguer added that staff can conduct some initial research with a part-time intern that is currently available for projects.

7-4. Greening Albany School District – discuss opportunities to assist AUSD greening

Yang reported that she had a meeting with the Superintendent, and will be meeting again to discuss greening.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8-1. Next meeting March 17, 2010 – 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Council Chambers

The next agenda will include discussion of: Model Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance, CAP implementation, reshuffling of subcommittees.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.