



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers  
1000 San Pablo Avenue  
March 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: Cooper, Kitahara, Lieberman, Schrift, Smith Heimer, Yang

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Minutes approved as amended by Kitahara.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Kitahara announced that she attended the Green Summit in Sacramento, and identified a number of upcoming funding opportunities. The Green Festival will be held April 10-11. Transition Albany will be holding the "Joy of life on 2 wheels" in the Edith Stone Room on April 11.

**6. REPORTS**

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

Smith-Heimer reported that the subcommittee met and discussed renewable energy/wind energy. They have decided to focus on CAP implementation at this juncture.

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

Schrift reported that the subcommittee did not meet.

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

Kitahara reported that the posters/postcards for the Arts & Green festival will be out in April. 15 booths have signed up, and there will be 4-5 workshops.

**6-4. Proposed development projects – planning update**

Almaguer provided an update – Safeway is meeting with planning to discuss potential projects, Whole Foods project is in the EIR phase. The Sustainability Committee will be included when materials/plans are ready for review.

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

**7-1. Review existing subcommittees – propose changes to scope/composition as needed**

The Committee agreed to develop three new subcommittees: Building Energy/Water Conservation, Food & Agriculture/Green Infrastructure, and Non-land use Transportation.

Cooper, Smith-Heimer, and Lieberman volunteered for the Building Energy/Water Conservation subcommittee. Kitahara, Smith-Heimer and Schrift volunteered for the Food & Agriculture/Green Infrastructure subcommittee. Yang and Lieberman volunteered for the Non-land use Transportation subcommittee.

**7-2. Climate Action Plan implementation – initial discussion regarding implementation**

The Committee discussed how to implement the CAP and provide assistance to staff. Cooper proposed developing subcommittees (detailed in 7-1) to review particular CAP strategy sections and prioritize measures. The subcommittees will meet prior to the next meeting to review the strategies/measures, discuss prioritization and provide an update at the next meeting.

**7-3. State Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance – receive information from planning**

Almaguer reported that the Ordinance is currently in effect, however updates can be made to include bay friendly principles as identified by Stopwaste.org.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8-1. Next meeting April 21, 2010 – 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Council Chambers**

The agenda will include an Arts & Green Festival update and subcommittee reports re. CAP implementation.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.