



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**City Hall Conference Room
1000 San Pablo Avenue
December 15, 2010 – 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: Cooper, Kitahara, Lieberman, Price, Schrifft, Smith Heimer

Members Absent: Yang

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from November 2010 meeting (attached)

Cooper requested adding additional detail to the minutes to reflect Committee's discussion regarding UC Village. Minutes will be reviewed again at the January meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. REPORTS

6-1. Active Transportation Plan – Staff Update

Transportation Planner Aleida Andrino-Chavez provided a presentation regarding status of the Active Transportation Plan. The Plan will be reviewed by the Traffic and Safety Commission in early 2011. Projects have been grouped into categories of priority, including consideration of available funding. Additional funding will be necessary to fully implement the Plan.

6-2. CAP Implementation – Staff Update

Almaguer provided an update on ongoing CAP Implementation.

6-3. Building Energy/Water Conservation Subcommittee – Update

Lieberman provided an update – the subcommittee met with Almaguer to discuss opportunities for public outreach regarding energy efficiency, and will be researching solar lease opportunities to promote to the residential sector.

6-4. Food & Agriculture/Green Infrastructure Subcommittee – Update

Schrifft reported that the subcommittee is interested in having James Kalin provide a presentation on commercial urban agriculture to the Committee.

6-5. Non-land use Transportation Subcommittee – Update

The subcommittee did not meet.

6-6. Arts & Green Festival Update

Kitahara reported that the planning group will meet tomorrow night, and has finalized the list of vendors to invite. Invitations will be sent out in January.

6-7. Albany Farmer's Market Update

Almaguer provided an update – the Farmer's Market location on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue will require approval by Caltrans because of its proximity to San Pablo Avenue. Staff is working with Caltrans to determine requirements.

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

7-1. UC Village Project – follow up to presentation, determine whether to submit comments regarding parking requirements

Cooper moved that the Committee draft a letter to City Council regarding the parking requirements and how they are imposing a negative impact on the UC Village project design. Seconded by Kitahara. Unanimously approved.

7-2. Climate Action Plan implementation – determine whether to reorganize subcommittees, confirm implementation tasks for subcommittees

The Committee discussed the draft calendar outline distributed by Kitahara. Each month features a concept of the CAP, and can serve as a monthly planning tool for outreach activities. The calendar is in the draft stage for the Committee to add to.

The Committee discussed various ways the subcommittees could be organized in terms of focus and tasks.

Price suggested basic outreach should be conducted regarding the CAP.

Kitahara, Lieberman and Smith-Heimer will meet with Almaguer to work on the subcommittee focus related to the calendar concept and report back at the January meeting.

7-3. Climate Action Plan implementation funding – review funding background information and develop report for City Council

Almaguer provided a brief overview of the background memo, noting that the cost for CAP implementation includes some soft costs such as outreach, and also hard costs such as transportation-related improvements.

The cost estimates for the transportation-related projects will be further refined as part of the Active

Transportation Plan that is currently underway. Also, a UUT may require a significant percentage increase to accommodate for the amount of funding necessary, while a parcel tax may be a more reasonable approach.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).

8-1. Next meeting – January : Climate Action Plan implementation funding – review draft document to prepare report for City Council

9. ADJOURNMENT