



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes**

**City Hall Conference Room
1000 San Pablo Avenue
July 20, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from May 2011 meeting (attached)

Minutes approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

For persons desiring to address the Commission/Committee/Board on an item that is not on the agenda please note that each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The Brown Act limits the Committee's ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Preston Jordan commented that he has conducted some analysis regarding energy usage data from 2004 and from 2010. There appears to be a decrease in both natural gas and electricity usage. Almaguer will obtain data from 2004 through 2010 from PG&E.

Caryl O'Keefe suggested the Committee include a future agenda item regarding AB 375 and housing impacts within Albany.

6. REPORTS

6-1. CAP Implementation Update

Almaguer provided an update.

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

7-1. Update to the City's Green Building Ordinance – discuss development of subcommittee with Planning & Zoning Commission designees and select designees from the Committee to serve on subcommittee
Planning & Zoning Commissioner David Arkin and Planning Manager Jeff Bond discussed the intent of the subcommittee to conduct an update to the City's Green Building Ordinance standards. There is also an interest to include elements of energy conservation in advance of an energy conservation ordinance. Committee members Cooper, Jennings and Price volunteered to participate in the subcommittee.

7-2. Re-cap of City Council study session regarding UC Village Project – determine next steps for Committee regarding participation in project review process

Bond provided an update. It is anticipated that the PUD, EIR and rezoning will be on an October Council agenda. The Committee should make recommendations to Council regarding the project at the Committee's September meeting. Bond will work with the EIR team to determine if side analysis outside of the EIR can be conducted to identify compliance with the CAP.

7-3. Community engagement process regarding proposal for second campus of Lawrence Berkeley National Lab on Golden Gate Fields property (attachment 1)

Bond provided an update. Community engagement will be conducted by Fern Tiger, all information will be posted to Voices to Vision website: www.voicestovision.com and there will be a community meeting hosted by LBL in early August at the Community Center.

7-4. Review findings from Finance subcommittee – determine whether to make recommendation to City Council regarding a funding mechanism for CAP implementation (attachment 2)

The Committee reviewed the document and provided some initial comments. Cooper suggested further detailing the interest to encourage behavior change, and to include a discussion regarding the preference for an emissions tax that would charge different rates for electricity and gas, if the capability becomes available by PG&E to do so. Smith-Heimer asked that all edits be provided to her by the end of the month.

7-5. Review monthly articles for Albany Patch (attachment 3)

The Committee reviewed and approved the article for Patch.

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 – September 21, 2011 – (August recess)

Review subcommittee roles & composition

Recommendation to City Council regarding UC Village project, Finance subcommittee recommendations, update on LBL at Golden Gate Fields.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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