



**DRAFT MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**City Hall Conference Room
1000 San Pablo Avenue
March 21, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Cooper, Smith-Heimer, Price, Lieberman, Jennings, Wei
Members absent: Wangmo

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from January 18, 2012 meeting

Approved

3-2. Approve minutes from February 15, 2012 meeting

Action on minutes deferred to a future meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul O'Curry, member of the Social and Economic Justice Committee spoke regarding homelessness. Committee members agreed that homelessness was an issue of concern that needed further dialogue.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Committee member Wei discussed planning for participation in Cool California next year. Committee members Lieberman and Price discussed community choice aggregation efforts in Richmond. Chair Cooper reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission's actions on the Farmer's Market. Committee member Jennings asked for future agenda item on the Farmers Market if necessary.

6. REPORTS

6-1. CAP Implementation Update

Staff announced that release of public opinion survey results expected at April 2, 2012 Council meeting. survey Committee member Jennings and Wei suggested a full discussion of CAP implementation at the future meeting.

6-2. Parking Policy Discussion with Planning & Zoning and Traffic & Safety Commissions

Staff provided brief update. Vice Chair Smith-Heimer suggested a smaller working group moving forward. Committee member Wei noted recent research linking parking requirements increasing the cost of housing.

6-3. Arts & Green Festival Update

Chair Cooper described event planning and reported that 15 booths have been reserved.

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

7-1. Report from Janet Smith-Heimer on Sustainable Community Strategy

Vice-Chair Smith-Heimer proved a detailed report on the Bay Area "Sustainable Communities Strategy" analysis underway including linkages between transportation and housing.

7-2. Preparation for presentation to AUSD School on Board Meeting on April 3, 2012

Committee provided direction to Chair Cooper in preparation of a presentation to the AUSD Board of Education, including CAP policies and implementation and the Collaborative for High Performance Schools program.

7-3. Review monthly article for Albany Patch

Committee member Lieberman agreed to draft article on the upcoming Arts and Green Festival.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items include Cool California (May), community choice aggregation Climate Action Plan funding and implementation, and the Farmers Market

8-1. Next regular meeting – May 16, 2012

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.