



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, December 19, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cooper at 7:35pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Blanchard, Jennings, Lieberman, Wei, Young, Cooper

Members Absent: Smith-Heimer

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from November 27, 2012 meeting

Approved with minor edit.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

5-1. Committee Appointments

Claire Griffing provided an update – Committee Member Wei, Committee Member Blanchard, and Chair Cooper have all been reappointed to the Committee. Councilmember Barnes has appointed a new member, Robert Urhammer. The at-large appointment will be made by Council in January. New appointments take effect January 1st.

5-2. Complete Streets Design Process

Griffing provided an update – The three Charrette events were successful. Videos of all three events can be found on the City website. The themes from the event included gateways, street trees, pedestrian and bike access. Consultants reviewed several possible scenarios on San Pablo Avenue; one with bike lanes and reduced parking and one with a green sharrow lane. They discussed adding medians and narrowing vehicle lanes.

Griffing provided an update – on December 17th Council voted to join the Energy Council JPA which will seek grant funding for energy efficiency projects but will not have the ability to become a CCA.

6. REPORTS

6-1. Presentation on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Update by Arielle Usher of Stopwaste.Org

Arielle Usher of Stopwaste.org presented the findings of the GHG inventory update. Committee members expressed concerns about an apples-to-apples comparison because the models have changed since the 2004 inventory. Usher explained that they will run the new MTC VMT data through their 2004 model to provide a better comparison. This data and the final report will be available for review in early January.

6-2. CCA Subcommittee Update

The CCA committee did not meet. Griffing provided an update – EBMUD voted to not continue with their CCA feasibility study. The City will be looking into the possibility of joining Marin Clean Energy in the future.

6-3. Arts and Green Festival Update

Chair Cooper provided an update – They are changing the info sheet and the application form. They will be giving a discount to people who register early. Chair Cooper is organizing the music and dance. The schools have been scheduled to provide music. The City may be able to hang a banner on Solano just east of San Pablo.

6-4. Schools Subcommittee Update

The subcommittee met again with Don Albright and the County Office of Education. The superintendent has committed to sign an agreement to join the County's LEEP (Leadership in Energy Efficiency Program). There may be a possibility for students to help with audits, which student Committee Member Young expressed interest in. There may be funding from Prop 39 for projects in the future.

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

7-1. Discuss Green Building Ordinance

The subcommittee had their last meeting, where they made little changes. The changes will be presented to the committee in January. Another update could take place in the future.

7-2. Discuss Committee Goals for 2013

Committee members discussed goals for community outreach and funding. It was decided that the committee will look at the CAP and the implementation plan as a group in the New Year. The committee will continue the discussion of goals in January.

7-3. Review Monthly Article for Albany Patch

None.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including a discussion of how to communicate with the council about funding CAP measures and looking at the green building ordinance revisions. There was a request to have the discussion of committee goals dominate January's meeting and save the other agenda items for future meetings.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.