



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, January 16, 2013 – 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, Lieberman, Smith-Heimer, Uhrhammer, Wei, Young, Cooper

Members Absent: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from December 19, 2012 meeting

Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

5-1. Committee Appointments

Claire Griffing welcomed new Committee Member Robert Uhrhammer and explained that the at-large appointment will be decided at the January 22nd Council meeting.

5-2. Mandatory Advisory Body Training

Griffing provided an update – The city holds an advisory body training every other year. The training is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, from 7pm – 9pm at the Albany Community Center and is mandatory. The training will review best practices for Advisory Body Members, including how to facilitate an effective meeting and how to adhere to the Brown Act.

6. REPORTS

6-1. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Update

Griffing provided new transportation data for an apples-to-apples comparison. The committee discussed how the transportation numbers were going down but still had some questions about the two different 2004 data sets, what the off-road numbers include, and how the new MTC model is calculated. Committee Member Blanchard offered to synthesize information and Griffing will provide an update for discussion at the next meeting.

6-2. CCA Subcommittee Update

Committee Member Lieberman provided an update – The City of Arcata is pursuing CCA and Sonoma County is moving forward quickly. He hopes to have a more full report to provide the committee next month.

Griffing provided an update – The City plans to research the Shell Energy North America contracts in SF and Marin. Griffing offered to schedule a presentation from Marin Clean Energy in the future and committee members expressed interest. A more detailed report on CCA will be presented at next month's meeting.

6-3. Arts and Green Festival Update

Chair Cooper provided an update – The planning committee submitted the event application to the City and is working on determining street closures, finalizing applications, and inviting exhibitors. Committee Members Smith-Heimer and Blanchard volunteered to put a display together showcasing the work of the Sustainability Committee.

6-4. Schools Subcommittee Update

Griffing provided an update – The School Board committed to become a ‘priority partner’ with Stopwaste.Org at their meeting last week. The subcommittee did not meet.

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

7-1. Resolution of appreciation for Megan

A resolution of appreciation for former committee member Megan Jennings was approved.

7-2. Discuss Green Building Ordinance

Jeff Bond provided an update – The ordinance changes are pending approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

7-3. Discuss Committee Goals for 2013

Committee members discussed 2013 goals and prioritized CAP measures. They will continue their discussion at the next meeting once staff marks CAP measures that have been completed or are in progress.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including a continued discussion of goals, CCA, green building ordinance changes, and the GHG inventory, as well as updates on the general plan, the Safeway project, the senior housing project, and the City’s social media plan.

8-1. Next regular meeting – February 20, 2013

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.