



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, May 21, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wei at 7:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Blanchard, Cooper, Lieberman, Uhrhammer, Wei, Yiu

Members Absent: Smith-Heimer

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from April 16, 2014 meeting

Approved with minor edit.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Member Lieberman made an announcement – he will be resigning from the committee.

Committee Member Uhrhammer noted that the Arts & Green Festival occurs on the same day as the Bring Back the Natives Tour.

Chair Wei announced that a tool lending library may be opening in Albany.

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

A. Report on City Council discussion of Report the Measure D Working Group Regarding Placing a Measure on the Ballot to Amend Residential Parking Standards

Griffing provided an update – Staff went to Council with an update from the Measure D Working Group. Council discussed the item and felt that there wasn't enough time to have it on the ballot in 2014, especially because of CEQA concerns. They voted to plan for a Measure D ballot measure in 2016.

B. Arts and Green Festival Update

Committee Member Cooper provided an update – the Festival had high turnout and a high participation of middle and high school students. Committee Member Yiu organized volunteers and Albany Ford showcased electric cars. The planning committee is discussing a partnership with the Solano Avenue Association to help plan next year's event.

C. Update on Green Coalition

Chair Wei provided an update – the subcommittee did not meet, but they are working on getting a date and a facilitator. City staff will look for room availability in the fall.

D. Update on the Albany Farmer’s Market

Griffing provided an update – Albany will not have a Farmer’s Market this season because they were operating at a loss and lost some anchor vendors. City staff worked with them to come up with alternate days and locations and will try again next year.

E. Update on Direction from Council Regarding Community Choice Aggregation and Discussion of Pros and Cons of Various Options

Griffing provided an update – The City Council delayed a decision on the MCE membership analysis until all members are present and there is more information on the County program. The committee discussed delaying the MCE membership analysis until September, giving the County a chance to work on the development of a CCA program.

Motion: Moved by Committee Member Cooper, seconded by Committee Member Uhrhammer to recommend to Council that they enter into an agreement with MCE to conduct a membership analysis in September.

AYES: Blanchard, Cooper, Uhrhammer, Wei, Yiu

NOES: None

Abstain: Lieberman

Absent: Smith-Heimer

F. Update on Direction from Council Regarding the Proposed Utility Users’ Tax and Discussion Regarding Next Steps

Griffing provided an update – Chair Wei and Vice Chair Blanchard presented the updated UUT item to Council on Monday night. Council was supportive of a UUT on the ballot but could not justify it in 2014 because of the school district parcel tax and the county transportation measure. They plan to budget money in the next two years and revisit the item for the 2016 ballot. This will give the committee time to further specify what the funds will be used for, develop ballot language and develop a campaign strategy.

Vice Chair Blanchard suggested establishing a new target for the CAP.

**G. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Council to Join HERO PACE Program
Griffing reviewed the staff report and the Committee discussed the program.**

Motion: Moved by Vice Chair Blanchard, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to recommend that Council join the HERO PACE Program.

AYES: Blanchard, Cooper, Lieberman, Uhrhammer, Wei, Yiu

NOES: None

Absent: Smith-Heimer

H. Discussion and Possible Recommendation regarding Proposed Leaf Blower Practices for Public Works Staff

Motion: Moved by Committee Member Uhrhammer, seconded by Chair Wei to request that the Public Works Department implement the phased approach indicated in the staff report and provide feedback.

AYES: Blanchard, Cooper, Lieberman, Uhrhammer, Wei, Yiu

NOES: None

Absent: Smith-Heimer

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including discussion of the CAP implementation update and the CAP target, RECO/CECO policies, lending libraries/swaps, water efficiency, and tracking embedded emissions in the CAP, as well as a presentation on the General Plan update.

A. Next regular meeting – June 18, 2014

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm.