



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, April 16, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wei at 7:40pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Cooper, Smith-Heimer, Uhrhammer, Wei, Yiu

Members Absent: Blanchard, Lieberman

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approve minutes from March 19, 2014 meeting**

Approved with minor edit.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee Member Cooper made an announcement – there will be a Town Hall meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Vet’s Building.

Committee Member Uhrhammer made an announcement – Loni Hancock introduced a bill to amend codes to address resilience and sea level rise. Claire Griffing offered to make a presentation on sea level rise at a future meeting.

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

**A. Presentation by John Law on California HERO PACE Program, Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Council to Join**

The Committee received a presentation from John Law of Renovate America, which works with the HERO PACE Program. Staff will bring the item back the committee for a final decision at the May meeting after consulting the City Attorney.

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

The Committee discussed Council’s decision to postpone the vote on the MCE membership analysis and the possibility of waiting for Alameda County to create a CCA. Some members expressed concern about the amount of greenhouse gas emissions that would result if the City waited to join. They will discuss further next month.

**C. Update on Direction from Council Regarding the Proposed Utility Users’ Tax and Discussion of How Funds Would be Utilized**

The Committee discussed Council’s request to learn more about what revenue from the UUT would fund and came up with the following priority items:

1. Accelerate the sidewalk repair program to encourage pedestrian transport
2. Improve striping and signage for bike paths
3. Investigate feasibility of an electric shuttle
4. Support community gardens and Farmer's Market
5. Serve as a reliable source for required matching grant funds, (e.g. augment Complete Streets projects)
6. Leverage staff time to augment grant writing, project management, and policy research

Staff will update the staff report with these items and bring back to Council in May.

#### **D. Update on Direction from Council Regarding Proposed Green Coalition for CAP Outreach**

The committee discussed plans for the first Green Coalition meeting and the subcommittee will pick a date and work on finding a facilitator.

#### **E. Arts and Green Festival Update**

Committee member Cooper provided an update – there are new tables, several student groups are participating, and there will be a larger arts component this year. The committee will have a table again.

### **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee discussed agenda items for next month, including a continued discussion of the UUT proposal, leaf blowers, the HERO PACE program, and an update on CCA and the farmer's market. In the future, the committee will also receive presentations on Sea level rise and new title 24 requirements, an update on the UC Development, and have substantial discussions regarding the General Plan update and the CAP implementation update.

#### **A. Next regular meeting – May 21, 2014**

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.