



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 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, Cooper

Members Absent: Wei, Yiu

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from December 18, 2014 meeting

Approved.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

#### A. Approve 2014 Work Plan

Jeff Bond explained that the new City Manager has asked all Committees & Commissions to submit a work plan for Council approval at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in February. The Committee discussed the work plan prepared by staff and suggested edits.

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Blanchard, seconded by Committee Member Smith-Heimer to approve the 2014 Work Plan with two minor edits.

AYES: Blanchard, Lieberman, Smith-Heimer, Uhrhammer, Cooper

NOES: None.

Absent: Wei, Yiu

#### B. Discuss Community Outreach Regarding CCA

Committee Member Lieberman explained that there had been a negative article posted on the Patch about CCA. The Committee discussed CCA outreach and education and decided to continue the discussion once the project moves forward.

#### C. Arts and Green Festival Update

Chair Cooper provided an update – Applications have been finalized and they've identified sponsors. There will be a larger art component this year.

#### D. Outreach Subcommittee Update

The Committee discussed the Outreach Proposal, which will go to Council after the 2014 Work Plan is approved. Committee Member Blanchard suggested some final edits to the document.

Chair Cooper clarified that the Committee conducts outreach through the Arts & Green Festival and the intent of the Outreach Proposal is to address gaps in CAP outreach, particularly residential energy use. The Committee approved the document with minor edits.

#### E. CAP Funding Update and Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Council Regarding the Proposed Utility User's Tax Ballot Measure

Bond provided discussion points for perspective on how to get a UUT on the ballot. The Committee looked over the previous proposal and suggested edits. Committee Members Blanchard, Smith-Heimer, and Lieberman agreed to make edits, update the PG&E information, and add a connection to the Outreach Proposal goals before bringing it back to the Committee for review next month.

**F. Discussion of Proposed Leaf Blower Ordinance**

Committee Member Uhrhammer provided research on the topic and Committee members asked for more information on the public health costs and why the ARB has not banned them. Bond reiterated the difficulty supporting an ordinance without having enforcement staff. Claire Griffing offered to contact other cities to discuss hardship in Public Works Departments and enforcement for city-wide bans. Staff will check with management on the issue and potentially invite the Public Works Director to the next meeting to continue the discussion.

**G. Discussion of Parking Priorities for CAP Implementation**

The Committee discussed whether there was a link between vehicle miles travelled and parking availability. They will continue the discussion at the next Parking Working Group meeting on January 30.

**H. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2014**

**Motion:** Moved by Chair Cooper, seconded by Committee Member Blanchard to elect Committee Member Max Wei as Chair.

AYES: Blanchard, Lieberman, Smith-Heimer, Uhrhammer, Cooper

NOES: None.

Absent: Wei, Yiu

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Smith-Heimer, seconded by Chair Cooper to elect Committee Member Charlie Blanchard as Vice Chair.

AYES: Blanchard, Lieberman, Smith-Heimer, Uhrhammer, Cooper

NOES: None.

Absent: Wei, Yiu

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including a continued discussion of leaf blowers, CAP funding, schools, as well as updates on the General Plan and the St. Mary's and UC development projects. They will also begin updating the CAP implementation plan.

**A. Next regular meeting – February 19, 2014**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.