



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, November 20, 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, Yiu, Cooper

Members Absent: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from October 16, 2013 meeting

To be approved at the next meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Claire Griffing provided several updates - Emily Feeley is a new intern in the Community Development Department. Recreation & Community Services Director and Assistant City Manager Penelope Leach will be the new City Manager. The UC mixed use development project completed an analysis of the greenhouse gas emissions from their project and is claiming a 35% reduction from their measures above and beyond Title-24. They are claiming a 21% increase in measures above T-24 and have planned for solar to accommodate 1% of energy use. Staff has requested more detail on numbers and will bring the analysis to the Committee in December.

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

A. CCA Update

Committee Member Lieberman provided an update from the CCA Summit he attended in Chicago – there are over 1,000 CCAs nationwide, many of them in the Midwest focusing on coal alternatives. San Diego and Sonoma are moving forward with CCAs and there has even been discussion of a state-wide CCA. CleanPowerSF is being blocked by the mayor and they have expressed interest in joining MCE, who has not yet set membership policy for larger jurisdictions. Griffing provided an update – Council voted on November 18th to send a letter of interest to MCE, which will be discussed at their December 5th Board meeting. A contract for the membership analysis will likely come to Council in March after the WWF announces grant recipients.

B. Arts and Green Festival Update

Chair Cooper provided an update – the planning subcommittee is trying to get more sponsors this year. The Community Foundation declined an invitation to participate in the planning process, but Chair Cooper will speak to the Arts Committee about possible involvement. Committee Member Yiu discussed the possibility of an art gallery or contest for AUSD students, and Griffing suggested Stopwaste could help with recycling outreach at the festival.

C. Schools Subcommittee Update

Committee Member Blanchard provided an update – He has been attending steering committee meetings, where they have been discussing the replacement of Ocean View and Marin Elementary Schools. There is a short timeline for the planning process in order to access state funding.

D. Outreach Committee Update

Vice Chair Wei outlined the plan for a Green Coalition meeting and committee members discussed goals for the meeting, as well as how to organize the agenda. Committee member Smith-Heimer volunteered to identify a pro bono facilitator, and discussed taking the item to Council at their next meeting.

E. CAP Funding Update

The committee discussed a plan for including a Utility User's Tax on the 2014 ballot and bringing the suggestion before Council at the next meeting.

Motion: Moved by Chair Cooper, seconded by Committee Member Smith-Heimer to go to council at December 16th meeting and present the green coalition proposal and also talk about raising funds for cap-targeted programs by revising the existing UUT with a modest increase.

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

NOES: None

Absent: None

F. Discussion of Proposed Leaf Blower Ordinance

Committee Member Uhrhammer provided an overview of the staff report, and there was general agreement that the health concerns raised were important to consider despite lack of code enforcement staff and potential hardship for Public Works staff. Committee Member Uhrhammer agreed to get information from other cities and discuss alternative landscaping techniques with AUSD and the City's Public Works Department.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including a continued discussion of the UC Development Project, Outreach Updates, and CAP funding.

A. Next regular meeting – December 18, 2013

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.