



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, July 17, 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, Smith-Heimer, Uhrhammer, Wei

Members Absent: Yiu

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approve minutes from May 21, 2014 meeting**

Approved with minor edit.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Jeff Bond provided an update – there are no applications for the vacant At-Large seat on the Committee.

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

**A. Adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for former Committee Member Dan Lieberman**

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Smith-Heimer, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation for former Committee Member Dan Lieberman.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: Yiu

**B. Study Session on General Plan Sustainability and Conservation Elements –**

This Study Session with the City's General Plan consultant will review proposed General Plan for sustainability and conservation goals, policies, programs, and associated environmental review.

*Recommendation: that the Committee review and provide feedback on the proposed goals and policies. No formal action required at this time.*

Consultant Barry Miller delivered a PowerPoint presentation, including an overview of the project and the proposed conservation and sustainability goals in the new Element. The committee asked for different wording to give the policies more specificity. They asked that the Air and Water Quality section include greenhouse gases and that it address indoor air quality and leaf blowers. Other suggestions included a dark sky ordinance, a goal to be a regional leader in environmental policy, and a discussion of adaptation to sea level rise. Barry will send summary of their comments to the Planning & Zoning Commission for discussion.

**C. Discuss CAP Implementation Plan and the Possibility of Updating the CAP Target**

Chair Wei and Vice Chair Blanchard showed a slide to the Committee and explained that Albany emissions are less than half of average California emissions. They discussed the possibility of changing the target and established a Long-Range GHG Targeting Subcommittee with Chair Wei and Vice Chair Blanchard as members.

**D. Discuss Near-Term CAP Priorities**

The Committee decided to postpone this discussion because of time constraints.

**E. Outreach Subcommittee Update on Green Coalition**

The Outreach Subcommittee provided an update – they are planning to hold the Green Coalition meeting in late October and will find a pro bono facilitator.

**F. Update on Community Choice Aggregation**

Claire Griffing provided an update – El Cerrito approved a contract for a membership analysis with MCE. Staff plans to take the item back to Council in September. The County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the feasibility study on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. They plan to approach cities with data requests in the next few weeks. Stopwaste is determining their role with the County CCA but it will be limited.

**G. Update on PACE Programs**

Griffing provided an update – The HERO PACE Program JPA agreement is going to Council on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Berkeley is taking the item back to their Council later this summer.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including a continued discussion of the General Plan and updating the CAP target, as well as updates on the Green Coalition and CCA.

**A. Next regular meeting – September 17, 2014**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03pm.