



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

**City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, November 5, 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: Blanchard, Cooper, Golem, Smith-Heimer, Uhrhammer, Wei

Members Absent: Yiu

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from September 17, 2014 meeting

Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Introduce New At-Large Committee Member

New Committee Member Golem introduced himself to the committee.

Claire Griffing provided an update on the application process – all committee members must resubmit applications in order to be reappointed.

Vice Chair Blanchard announced he has been elected to the School Board and will be resigning from the Sustainability Committee. Committee members offered congratulations and expressed appreciation for his service to the committee.

Griffing provided an update on the County CCA feasibility study – all the cities have given permission for the County to use their load data and they are in the process of selecting a consultant.

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

A. Outreach Subcommittee Update on the First Green Coalition Meeting, Scheduled for November 20th

The Outreach Subcommittee provided an update on the event – They have secured a pro bono facilitator, are inviting more groups to the event, and are drafting an agenda. Griffing explained that according to the City Clerk, the Ad Hoc Outreach Subcommittee will not be able to continue after the event unless it is publicly noticed, per Brown Act policy.

B. Discuss the Formation of a Subcommittee to Plan the 2015 Albany Arts & Green Festival

The next festival will be held on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015. Transition Albany will not be participating this year, but the Arts Committee and the Solano Avenue Association plan to participate.

Motion: Moved by Committee Member Cooper, seconded by Committee Member Smith-Heimer to form the planning subcommittee for the 2015 Arts & Green Festival.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Yiu

C. Discuss the Possibility of Updating the CAP Target

The Committee discussed updating the CAP target and looked at what other jurisdictions are doing. Members were interested in the ambitious goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 to do more than the state, but wanted a definition of carbon neutrality. They plan to put updating the target on their work plan for 2015. There was public comment from Ruskin Hartley, who urged the committee to consider going below zero through absorption.

D. Discuss Near Term CAP Priorities

The Committee asked for more information on current programs and metrics before beginning a discussion on prioritizing programs.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including a discussion of current subcommittees and creating a net zero subcommittee, a debrief on the outreach special meeting, a presentation on residential energy conservation ordinances, a discussion of the draft work plan for 2015, and updated metrics for building and energy programs, as well as an update on the Arts & Green Festival planning.

A. Next regular meeting – December 17, 2014

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.