



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, March 18, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wei at 7:32pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Hartley, Committee Member Smith-Heimer, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Committee Member Yiu, Chair Wei

Members Absent: None.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from February 18, 2015 meeting

Approved.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Bond introduced new Public Works Program Manager Gopal Nair. Committee Member Yiu introduced new student member Sophia Howard.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Claire Griffing provided an update – applications for the County CCA Steering Committee are now available. The City may get a formal request to appoint someone. Committee Member Uhrhammer sent a document with links to the Committee. Committee Member Hartley asked about what the City is doing to conserve water.

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

#### A. Prepare for Annual Presentation to School District Board of Trustees

Griffing provided an update – The School Board has scheduled a presentation from the Sustainability Committee on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chair Wei and Committee Member Yiu will work with staff to prepare the presentation and staff will share the presentation with the Committee at their next meeting.

#### B. Arts & Green Festival Subcommittee Update

Committee Member Cooper provided an update – The subcommittee has secured sponsors, including two new ones, and is lining up food trucks, the kid's zone, the music line up and electric vehicles.

#### C. Discussion of Sustainability Committee Booth at the Arts & Green Festival

The subcommittee provided an update – They will make the booth more interactive with a treasure hunt, a pledge, and a spin wheel with prizes. They may set up a laptop to help people to calculate their carbon footprint.

Public comment received from Gopal Nair, who suggested having a recycled art contest. Public comment received from Catherine Sutton, who encouraged green prizes and asked them to work with Transition Albany for the treasure hunt.

**D. Report on Sustainable Building Features of new Public Works Building at 540 Cleveland Avenue**

Jeff Bond provided a presentation on the sustainable features of the new Public Works building and the committee discussed the LEED checklist. They discussed stormwater and said that LEED Gold was not strict enough for energy. Committee Member Golem asked about permeable pavement and alternative fuel options for heavy vehicles. Committee Member Uhrhammer encouraged minimizing outdoor lighting. Committee Member Smith-Heimer said the CAP includes a measure that says all City buildings should be zero-emissions by 2015 and Committee Member Hartley said the City will be paying off the building until 5 years before the net zero goal. The Committee agreed to advocate for a net zero building, even if there is an additional cost.

Public comment was received from Catherine Sutton, who said that the City needs set an example with a net zero building.

**E. Presentation on City of Albany Green Building Program**

Bond provided an overview of the previous green building ordinance and suggested the City may want to revisit updating the ordinance regularly to keep up with title 24 requirements, which are getting stricter and are revised every 3 years.

**F. Discuss Possibility of Residential Energy Conservation Ordinance (RECO) or Building Energy Saving Ordinance (BESO)**

The Committee decided to defer this conversation for next month, and Committee Member Hartley asked for more information on the mix of building types and sizes.

**G. Update from CAP Target Subcommittee and Possible Recommendation to Council to Adopt New CAP Target for 2030-2035**

The Committee discussed the draft Conservation Element of the General Plan and asked for more aspirational goals. Committee Member Hartley presented his memo on updating the CAP target and suggested they continue using similar methodologies to those included in the CAP and should include transportation, energy and waste. The Committee discussed language for incorporating new targets in the General Plan.

**Motion:** Moved by Chair Wei, seconded by Vice Chair Golem to eliminate emissions from Western Forge & Flange from the 2004 baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventory because it is in a category of industrial sites that are regulated by the State and because it is no longer operating in the City.

AYES: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Hartley, Committee Member Smith-Heimer, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Committee Member Yiu, Chair Wei

NOES: None

Absent: None

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Hartley, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to incorporate the following into the Conservation Element of the General Plan: The goal is to get to net zero emissions by 2050, and the goal for 2035 is to get to 60% or more using the 2004 baseline.

AYES: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Hartley, Committee Member Smith-Heimer, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Committee Member Yiu, Chair Wei

NOES: None

Absent: None

Staff will bring the revised Conservation Element back, likely this summer.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, who asked for more intermediate targets for 2030 and 2040 and suggested thinking forward because driverless cars will be a reality by 2035.

**H. Update on Outreach meeting and Discuss Outreach Activities**

The Committee decided to defer this conversation to next meeting.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including future outreach meetings, the School Board presentation, water conservation, how to make energy savings visible, revisiting the green building code, a continued discussion of RECO/BESO, the UC Village Senior Housing Project and how to work more effectively with Council, as well as updates on the Arts & Green Festival and the CAP target. Committee Member Hartley requested that items requiring substantial discussion come first on the agenda and updates can be last. Committee Members Cooper and Hartley will be absent next month.

**A. Next regular meeting – April 15, 2015**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.