



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, October 21, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wei at 7:34pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Chair Wei
Members Absent: Committee Member Smith-Heimer

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from September 16, 2015 meeting

Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- **Update on Community Choice Energy Steering Committee**
Proposals for the feasibility study were due in late September. The next meeting will be on November 4th.
- **Update on Sustainability Committee appointments**
Griffing provided an update – The vacancy has been posted but no applications have been received.
- **Update on General Plan**
Jeff Bond provided an update – The Draft General Plan and EIR are almost ready for review, and staff hopes to bring the Conservation Element to the committee in November.
- Bond provided an update – Target has applied for a permit to install solar panels on their roof.
- Committee Member Uhrhammer sent an article on anthropogenic climate change and human interaction.

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

A. Discuss Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance (BEADO)

Griffing provided an update on assessment requirements, funding, and enforcement. The committee discussed pros and cons of the ordinance and agreed to change the compliance schedule to every 12 years for all properties.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, who suggested the UUT could pay for all the audits, and recommended that commercial buildings be on a 12 year cycle.

Public comment was received from Charlie Blanchard, who questioned how effectiveness of the ordinance will be demonstrated.

Motion: Moved by Vice Chair Golem, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to recommend that staff bring the item to Council for direction.

AYES: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Chair Wei

NOES: None

Absent: Committee Member Smith-Heimer

B. Update on Utility Users' Tax Proposal to Council

Vice Chair Golem provided an update – Chair Wei made a presentation to Council on Monday, October 19th. The Council was favorable to the ideas but asked for more details on the programs it will be funding and the required staff time to administer these programs. The committee discussed concerns about putting a burden on renters. The subcommittee will reconvene, discuss and report back to the committee next month.

Public comment was received from Charlie Blanchard, who said that the City Council asked for a level of specificity and detail that is challenging, and suggested giving Council choices and providing real data on current incentive programs.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, who suggested they segment the funds to focus on the BEADO assessments first, and then add targeted rebates at a later date when they have information on need, then later could be targeted on rebates. BEADO assessments will bring data that the City can use to inform incentive programs.

C. Discuss draft CAP Implementation Update for Council and update on GHG inventory

Chair Wei provided an update on CAP GHG emissions – transportation data from MTC shows that vehicle miles travelled increased in 2013.

D. Update on UC Village Development Project

Bond provided an update on the project and the Committee reviewed the checklists and provided feedback. They discussed the possibility of updating the green building ordinance again.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, Charlie Blanchard, and Ed Fields.

E. Arts & Green Festival Subcommittee Update

Committee Member Cooper provided an update – the subcommittee had their first meeting and they have scheduled the event for May 1st. They are looking for a nonprofit fiscal agent that can help with online registration and are looking for new avenues to promote the event.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including a continued discussion of the BEADO, UUT, General Plan, and net zero target, as well as an update on the Arts & Green Festival. They also discussed carbon pricing, solar PV inverters, and an update from the School Board.

A. Next regular meeting – November 18, 2015

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26pm.