



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wei at 7:35pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from July 15, 2015 meeting

Approved.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

#### - Community Choice Energy Steering Committee update

Griffing provided an update – The Steering Committee approved the RFP in July, which was issued in August. Proposals are due on September 24, 2015. The next committee meeting is on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### - Update on Sustainability Committee appointments

Griffing provided an update – The vacancy has been posted but no applications have been received.

Committee Member Uhrhammer said that EBRPD had been drawing water from a fire hydrant for work on the waterfront and asked about the possibility of using reclaimed water.

Chair Wei mentioned a resolution passed by Council to discourage crude-by-rail and staff said they would send to the Committee.

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

#### A. Proclamation for former Committee Member Ruskin Hartley

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Cooper, seconded by Committee Member Smith-Heimer to adopt a resolution of appreciation for former Committee Member Ruskin Hartley

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

**NOES:** None

**Absent:** Committee Member Howard

#### B. Prepare for Presentation to City Council regarding Utility Users' Tax

Chair Wei provided an update – the subcommittee met and has updated the estimated UUT tax revenue based on 2014 PG&E data. The Committee discussed how to introduce new goals to the Council and how to spend projected revenues.

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Smith-Heimer, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to authorize the subcommittee to amend the slides to incorporate comments from the discussion and present the UUT proposal to Council on October 19<sup>th</sup>

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

NOES: None

Absent: Committee Member Howard

### **C. Discuss Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance (BEADO)**

Bond provided an update on outreach – staff plans to reach out to the real estate community through the Oakland/Berkeley Association of Realtors so they are aware of the ordinance. Realtor Francesco Papalia advised that the program requirements should be simple and the audit results should be useful for residents.

The Committee discussed the matrix and wanted to clarify what the assessment entails to ensure it is meaningful. They questioned the availability of contractors if all properties have the same due date and discussed the possibility of staggering dates. This would create difficulty with outreach and enforcement, so they suggested that early birds be able to receive discounts and/or City funding for audits instead. They also want to discuss enforcement and change the deadline for SFDs to 2021.

### **D. Discuss Climate Action Plan inventory update and methodology**

The Committee discussed updating the CAP inventory and bringing the item with a CAP update and new CAP targets to Council. Staff will obtain recent data for the inventory.

### **E. 2016 Arts & Green Festival**

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Cooper, seconded by Chair Wei to establish a subcommittee to plan the 2016 Arts & Green Festival, consisting of Committee Member Cooper, Vice Chair Golem, and Committee Member Howard

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

NOES: None

Absent: Committee Member Howard

### **F. Brief Update on UC Village Development Project**

Bond provided an update on the sustainability features of the UC Village project – the legal challenges have been resolved and staff are working with developers and reviewing plans and hope to have something for the Committee in October.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including a continued discussion of the UUT, BEADO, and UC Village, as well as updates on the General Plan, the CAP Update and the Arts & Green Festival. They hope to discuss a tax on natural gas and solar inverters in November.

### **A. Next regular meeting – October 21, 2015**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.