



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, July 15, 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 Uhrhammer, Chair Wei

Members Absent: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Smith-Heimer

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from June 17, 2015 meeting

Approved with minor edit.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Member Hartley announced his resignation and the Committee thanked him for his contributions.

Claire Griffing provided an update – The Parking study has been delayed and consultants will hopefully be ready to present in September. The Open PACE program was approved by Council last week and is now available to Albany property owners. Some contractors have already been trained in Berkeley.

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

#### A. Climate Action Plan funding discussion

*Recommendation: Identify projects for inclusion in the funding proposal and authorize subcommittee to finalize proposal and make presentation to Council.*

Griffing provided an update – Council has asked for an update on the UUT proposal in September. The committee discussed the previous proposal, including projected revenues, the sunset option, and polling. Consensus was to keep the proposal similar to before but edit the list of programs to fund. The committee discussed various programs for funding and concluded that energy upgrades were a priority because there is other dedicated funding for transportation. There were concerns that the estimated revenues of \$200,000 per year may not go very far to pay for incentives for upgrades, but the committee thought a small match program could be beneficial because property owners can also use other existing incentive programs and finance through PACE if necessary. They suggested limiting funding for staff time and matching grant funds and using the majority of the funding for energy upgrades, especially those that reduce natural gas usage. They will make a broad statement about the intent of the funds being used to reduce energy use and identify examples of specific programs that could be developed with the funding, such as paying for BEADO assessments, providing incentives to help pay for upgrades, or providing rebates for solar installations. They will determine the percentage of funding that will go to each category and include a requirement for reporting to the public on how funds are used.

Jeff Bond suggested they explain to Council why they are using broad terminology instead of highlighting specific programs.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, who explained the “feebate” program idea, suggested the City could look into a gas tax for transportation projects in the future, and said the UUT could pay for multiple BEADO assessments by doing an RFP to drive the cost down. He also suggested using a general statement for funding purpose like, “Energy assessments and incentives for upgrades.”

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Hartley, seconded by Committee Member Golem to establish a UUT Subcommittee consisting of Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Golem, and Chair Wei and to authorize the subcommittee to edit the previous UUT proposal to Council based on the discussion tonight and present the item to Council with information about CAP target updates in September.

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

NOES: None

Absent: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Smith-Heimer

Staff advised that the presentation to Council will need to be brief, and Chair Wei suggested they discuss the 2050 CAP goal and BEADO progress in the presentation.

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

*Recommendation: The Committee should identify thresholds, timelines, and next steps.*

Griffing provided an update on Berkeley’s plan for enforcement and administration and the committee discussed thresholds, timelines, pros, cons and next steps. They discussed requiring SFDs to do assessments at time of sale, date certain or at the time of a remodel.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, who said that there is an advantage to building a database to determine the energy performance of Albany buildings and suggested there be a date definite requirement on owner-occupied SFDs as well as renter-occupied units.

They decided to require assessments for all SFDs every 12 years and pushed back the compliance schedule for small commercial buildings so as to not burden them.

#### **C. Community Choice Energy Steering Committee update**

*Recommendation: Information only. No action required.*

Griffing provided an update – she and Mayor Maass attended the first meeting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>. The RFP for feasibility analysis has been edited and is scheduled for approval.

#### **D. Update on outreach activities**

*Recommendation: Information only. No action required.*

Chair Wei suggested that the UUT subcommittee draft a memo to Council about the status of the CAP status as part of the UUT proposal and the committee agreed.

#### **E. General Plan update**

*Recommendation: Information only. No action required.*

Bond provided an update – City staff and consultants are working to finish the draft General Plan and associated EIR, which should be available in August. Council will receive an update on July 20<sup>th</sup>, and the draft will come to the Sustainability Committee in September. The 2035 and

2050 GHG targets have been incorporated, as have recommendations for changing the 2 parking space requirement.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including a continued discussion of the BEADO, as well as updates on the UUT presentation to Council, the General Plan, the UC Village Development Project, and the establishment of a subcommittee to plan the 2016 Arts & Green Festival.

Public comment from Preston Jordan, who suggested the committee look at the Sidewalk Maintenance Proposal.

**A. Next regular meeting – September 16, 2015**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm.