



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wei at 7:33pm.

### 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: None

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from February 17, 2016 meeting

Approved with minor edits.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

#### - Alameda County Community Choice Energy (CCE) Program Update

Claire Griffing provided an update – The County will provide a presentation to Council updating them on the County's progress on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Member Cooper asked for an update on the City's new maintenance building.

Chair Wei announced an ACRAT Lose Your Lawn event on May 7<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Albany High School Earth Team.

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

#### A. Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance

Griffing provided a presentation on the BEADO and the committee provided feedback, particularly related to terminology, landlord incentives, and benefits of the ordinance. They also suggested adding a table of the Council's concerns with explanations as part of the staff report. Staff will present the item to Council on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, who said the BEADO would create market pressure for energy efficiency and suggested trying to dispel concerns about disclosure with a demonstration about what information is available to the public about residential properties.

#### B. Report from subcommittee on CAP funding

The CAP Funding Subcommittee provided and presentation on the UUT update to Council. The proposed 2.5% increase on the PG&E utility user's tax will initially be used to pay for BEADO assessments. Vice Chair Golem presented a model of the revenue stream. The committee discussed the item and recommended the Chair present the item to Council on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, who suggested the UUT and BEADO go to Council together, recommended a 2.5% increase and suggested it pay for 100% of the assessment cost.

### **C. Arts & Green Festival Subcommittee update**

They subcommittee is ahead of schedule and has successfully filled over half of booth spaces. The new finance system is working well.

### **D. Discussion of ad hoc subcommittees**

The committee discussed subcommittees. The UUT, BEADO, and Arts & Green subcommittees will eventually sunset. They will discuss this item further next month.

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

Jeff Bond provided an update – The committee’s comments have been incorporated into the General Plan, which will go to Council for final approval on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **F. UC Village update**

Bond provided an update – the Sprouts grocery store and retail buildings have submitted updated LEED checklists with more details. The committee had concerns about their renewable energy credits coming from a two-year renewable power purchase agreement, and staff will confirm it complies with LEED requirements. The project grading will begin soon.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

(Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including continued discussions of the BEADO, UUT, Arts & Green Festival, and subcommittees, as well as updates on green building codes and the new maintenance center, and a resolution endorsing a revenue-neutral carbon tax.

### **A. Next regular meeting – April 20, 2016**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.