



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, June 15 – 7:30 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wei at 7:36pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from April 20, 2016 meeting

Approved.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from Chuck Keene, who asked the Committee to consider a policy to protect existing solar panels from the shade of new structures. He also suggested requiring electric vehicle charging infrastructure when giving parking variances.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

#### - Rescheduling standing meeting

Claire Griffing discussed rescheduling regular meetings.

Chair Wei announced that the Lose Your Lawn event in May was a success and had many volunteers, including high school students.

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

#### A. Update on sustainable features of City Public Works facility

Jeff Bond provided an update on the Public Works building, and the committee discussed solar PV, asking for information on the percentage of available roof area covered with PV, the percentage of expected energy the panels will produce, and questioned the potential for shade from the building to block panels. They suggested placing PV over parking spaces, looking into solar leases, and extending conduit for electric vehicles to the back parking lot. The committee also discussed revisiting the green building code and establishing a higher standard for public buildings.

#### B. Update on green building reach codes

Bond provided an update – Staff plans to familiarize themselves with the new building codes, which will be effective in January 2017, and if green building reach codes are deemed necessary the committee will establish a subcommittee to amend the current code.

Public comment was received from Chuck Keene, who said there is more to green building than just energy.

#### C. Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance Update

Griffing provided an update on Council concerns regarding the ordinance, and the committee agreed to model the draft ordinance after Berkeley's existing BESO. Staff will bring draft ordinance language and answers to Council's questions to the next meeting.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, who suggested not allowing a one year deferral, as it has created issues for Berkeley staff.

#### **D. Discuss CAP funding**

Chair Wei provided an update on the UUT, which Council voted against in May. The committee discussed strategy and next steps, including conducting a pilot study to determine current energy efficiency in Albany homes, and asked for a draft resolution supporting the UUT reform proposal.

#### **E. Alameda County Community Choice Energy (CCE) update**

Griffing provided an update – The County CCE feasibility study is available, and it determines a County CCE is feasible, even under conservative estimates. Staff still has concerns regarding structuring the program to maximize greenhouse gas reductions. The JPA agreement is being finalized, and city councils will have the opportunity to join the JPA in the early fall. Program details will be defined by the board after the JPA has been formed.

Public comment was received by Mark Meldgin, who offered himself as a resource and provided comments on the study. Public comment was received by Preston Jordan, who encouraged paying attention to the details of the study.

#### **F. Arts & Green Festival debrief**

Vice Chair Golem provided an update – the May event was very successful.

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

The committee established two new subcommittees:

- Schools: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Chair Wei (or Committee Member Cooper)
- CAP Implementation Subcommittee: Committee Member Ohshita, Committee Member Smith-Heimer

They discussed establishing a Green Building Subcommittee in the fall.

### **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Possible future agenda items include:

July:

- CAP Implementation Subcommittee update
- BEADO draft ordinance
- BayREN PACE Regional Collaborative Services Agreement
- Draft UUTr resolution

Subsequent meetings:

- Parking study update
- 2035/2050 targets – CAP 2.0, adaptation, consumption-based inventories
- Schools subcommittee update
- CAP implementation update
- Update on green building reach codes

**A. Next regular meeting – July 20, 2016**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm