



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – 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 Ohshita, Committee Member Smith-Heimer, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Chair Wei

Members Absent: None

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from March 16, 2016 meeting

Approved.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

For persons desiring to address the Commission/Committee/Board on an item that is not on the agenda please note that each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The Brown Act limits the Committee's ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

#### - New committee member introduction

Stephanie Ohshita was introduced and welcomed as the newest member of the Committee.

#### - Alameda County Community Choice Energy (CCE) update

Claire Griffing provided an update on the County's CCE feasibility study, planned for completion in June.

#### - Adaptation planning

Griffing provided an update – staff will be working with Stopwaste contractors over the summer to draft adaptation and resilience language for the Hazard Mitigation Plan and potentially for a future CAP 2.0.

Committee Member Uhrhammer sent an article about the state water system, and Committee Member Smith-Heimer suggested the Committee discuss the issue of water.

Event reminders included the Lose your Lawn event on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Citywide Garage Sale on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May.

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

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

Griffing provided a presentation of staff recommendations for incorporating Council feedback into the proposal, including eliminating the date certain requirement, clarifying staff time and privacy concerns, and exploring the potential for encouraging upgrades in rental properties. The Committee discussed whether to incorporate the point of sale requirement along with the existing sewer lateral ordinance, and whether to include additional requirements, like seismic assessments or sidewalk repairs.

They asked for sample recommendations to determine whether they are implementable, and discussed other ways to obtain building data, including a pilot survey or requesting access to Berkeley's database.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan, who recommended copying the Berkeley ordinance to get as much data as possible, and discouraged sidewalks from being in the point of sale ordinance.

Public comment was received from Phil Obbard, who suggested looking at State emissions targets and said the point of sale ordinance could create a market for energy efficient homes.

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Smith-Heimer, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to recommend changing the BEADO proposal to point of sale and incorporating it into the existing sewer lateral ordinance without recommending seismic and sidewalk upgrades. They recommend conducting a pilot survey of energy efficiency in existing homes and developing an educational outreach program to promote and incentivize voluntary energy assessments. Additionally, they request program effectiveness be evaluated 3 years after adoption.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

#### **B. Discuss CAP funding**

The Committee discussed the Council's comments and how to amend the UUT proposal. A second UUT reform proposal was made by Preston Jordan.

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Smith-Heimer, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to amend the UUT proposal to pay for voluntary energy assessments, matching rebates for energy efficient appliances, and outreach.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Cooper, seconded by Committee Member Smith-Heimer to request that if the Council rejects the first UUT proposal, they consider the UUT reform proposal instead.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

#### **C. Resolution endorsing a Federal Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy**

The Committee considered the resolution and Harry Chomsky clarified that 100% of the revenue after administrative costs would be rebated back to households.

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Cooper, seconded by Committee Member Uhrhammer to recommend that Council approve the resolution in support of a Federal Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

**D. Arts & Green Festival Subcommittee update**

Committee Member Cooper provided an update – planning efforts are going well. Committee Member Smith-Heimer will help coordinate staffing the Committee booth.

**E. Update on sustainable features of City Public Works facility**

Jeff Bond provided a brief overview of the sustainable features of the new City Public Works facility and the Committee deferred the conversation until the next meeting.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Possible future agenda items include:

May:

- Continue discussions about BEADO, UUT, and Public Works facility
- BayREN PACE Regional Collaborative Services Agreement
- Update on green building reach codes
- Discussion of ad hoc subcommittees
- CCE Update

Subsequent meetings:

- Parking study update (June)
- 2035/2050 targets – CAP 2.0, adaptation, consumption-based inventories
- Schools subcommittee update

**A. Next regular meeting – May 18, 2016**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.