



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 – 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 Ohshita, Committee Member Smith-Heimer, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Chair Wei

Members Absent: None.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Approved with minor edit.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Fanny Yang, City of Albany's new CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow, introduced herself to the Sustainability Committee. She will be working on climate action for 11 months.

Committee Member Ohshita reported back on a meeting she attended in New York that focused on implementation of climate action and resilience planning.

Claire Griffing provided an update – the City is working with consultants through Stopwaste to develop an adaptation plan with resilience elements which will be finalized in the next couple of months. The adaptation plan will be incorporated into the Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0 update for 2035, the next General Plan update, and into the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Chair Wei provided an update regarding the current amendment to the Montreal Protocol that addressed the phasing out of hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) emissions by more than 80% over the next 30 years.

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

#### A. Report on Status of Alameda County Community Choice Energy (CCE) Joint Powers Agreement

Griffing provided an update – the JPA was formally created by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on October 4, although it requires at least two additional jurisdictions to sign on to take effect. The County is expected to conduct its second reading and take final steps to formalize the JPA following consideration by the cities. Council will receive a presentation and consider joining on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Public comment was received from Mark Meldgin, who presented several financial concerns regarding the CCA. Consultant reports are largely applicable to Marin County, where rates are

higher than PG&E rates. In addition, financial obligation for the CCA may be a burden because of long term contracts.

**B. Update on Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance (BEADO)**

Griffing provided an update – the BEADO is currently undergoing internal review and staff is working on finalizing language for fines and hardship exemptions. The ordinance will be brought to Council in the next few months.

**C. Report from Climate Action Plan Implementation Subcommittee**

The Climate Action Plan Implementation Subcommittee will provide an update at the next meeting.

**D. Report from Schools Subcommittee**

Chair Wei and Committee Member Uhrhammer reported that there will be a Sustainability Committee meeting including Allan Garde, School District Chief Business Official, and School Board Member Charles Blanchard in early November to discuss new building designs and energy systems. The building design for the San Gabriel site will follow the CHPS guidelines. The consultant report focused more on HVAC energy systems.

Griffing provided an update – the County is administering a pilot program on ZNE feasibility at specific facilities; she will check in to see if there are any opportunities for the school district.

Public comment was received from Terra Baer. She will be meeting next week at the School District office to discuss continuing the implementation of solar panels at Albany High School and looking at plans and next steps.

**E. Formation of Green Building Subcommittee**

Griffing provided an update – the City is working with Optony Solar to analyze the cost-benefit of a larger solar installation at Belmont Village. Committee Member Cooper and Committee Member Uhrhammer expressed interest in forming the Green Building Subcommittee. They will plan to meet with a subcommittee of the Planning & Zoning Commission to discuss read codes.

**F. Discuss nearby municipal sustainability programs**

Committee Member Smith-Heimer suggested a leadership exchange with other advisory bodies to learn from each other, and the committee decided to invite other advisory bodies to their next meeting.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Possible future agenda items include:

- Report from other advisory bodies on sustainability initiatives
- Arts & Green Festival update
- Subcommittee updates
- Parking study update
- 2035/2050 targets, CAP 2.0 and adaptation
- 2017-2018 Work Plan
- Committee Member Ohshita to provide update on Sustainable Communities work

**A. Next regular meeting – November 15, 2016**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.