



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Tuesday, September 20, 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 Smith-Heimer, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Chair Wei

Members Absent: Committee Member Ohshita

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from July 20, 2016 meeting

Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- Update on items to Council

Claire Griffing provided an update – the recent UUTr resolution and the BEADO will go to Council sometime in November or December.

- Staff introduced potential new student member Terra Baer and said they would work with the School District to clarify who was the current appointed student member.

- Committee Member Uhrhammer provided an update on Senate Bill 1383 to address short lived climate pollutants such as methane and diesel, which have a significant effect on warming.

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 County Board of Supervisors did not discuss this item in August as previously scheduled. They were scheduled to discuss it at their Board retreat on September 20th and adopt the JPA agreement on October 4th. The County has scheduled a presentation to Council on November 21st to discuss the JPA agreement. Portola Valley is the first City to offer their residents a 100% renewable default option for electricity through the new CCE, Peninsula Clean Energy.

Public comment was received from Mark Meldgin.

B. Arts & Green Festival update

Committee Member Cooper provided an update – the festival planners have met with the City to discuss coordinating the Arts & Green Festival. The City has highlighted Brown Act issues with the subcommittee structure, and festival planners want additional information about how to define a “decision.” They discussed options for the future of the festival, including cancelling the event, working with the Recreation Department, or finding a fiscal agent.

C. Review Draft of Proposed Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance

Griffing provided an update on the ordinance language, and Committee members suggested adding a fine for violators and a low income exemption. Chair Wei asked for updated uptake data from Berkeley. Staff will make amendments before bringing the item to Council.

D. Information on New 2016 California Green Building and Energy Code Updates and Discussion of Update to City of Albany Green Building Standards

Jeff Bond provided an update – the new building code has big changes in energy. Energy policies beyond title 24 require a cost effectiveness study. Griffing provided information on reach codes in nearby cities. The Committee will establish a green building subcommittee to discuss possible reach codes.

Public comment was received from Preston Jordan.

E. Report from Climate Action Plan Implementation Subcommittee

Griffing provided an update on rebates for energy assessments. Committee Member Smith-Heimer provided an update on plans for a pilot survey.

F. Report from Schools Subcommittee

Committee Member Uhrhammer provided an update. The Committee discussed planning for the new schools and the status of PV at existing schools.

G. Discussion of Committee Role in Recommending Resolutions

Chair Wei discussed possible resolutions, including one in support of cap and trade and a resolution declaring a climate emergency. Committee Member Smith-Heimer requested a list of resolutions the Committee had recommended and whether they'd passed.

Public comment was received by Preston Jordan.

H. Consumption Based Inventory Update

The committee deferred this conversation to a future meeting.

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).

Possible future agenda items include:

- BEADO update
- Green building subcommittee formation
- Marketing and alliances with other cities
- Subcommittee updates
- Arts and Green Festival
- Parking study update
- 2035/2050 targets – CAP 2.0 and adaptation
- Committee Member Ohshita to provide update on Sustainable Communities work

A. Next regular meeting – Tuesday, October 18, 2016

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41.