



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Conference Room, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, July 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 Smith-Heimer, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Chair Wei

Members Absent: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Ohshita

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from June 15, 2016 meeting

Approved.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from Mark Meldgin, who recommended that the Committee recommend extending the State's Cap & Trade Program beyond 2020, and the Committee asked to discuss their role in state and federal initiatives at a future meeting.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

#### - Rescheduling standing meetings

Claire Griffing provided an update – meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from September through December, and then they will reevaluate scheduling for 2017.

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

#### A. BayREN PACE Regional Collaborative Services Agreement

Committee Member Cooper mentioned that the Federal Housing Administration will now back mortgages for PACE properties with the caveat that only delinquent PACE payments will take priority over the mortgage in the case of foreclosure.

Griffing explained that ABAG and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) have developed the "Regional Collaborative Services Agreement" which establishes the terms, conditions and roles each residential PACE provider will follow when operating in ABAG territory.

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Cooper, seconded by Committee Member Smith-Heimer to recommend that Council sign the BayREN collaborative services agreement and join additional PACE programs, and suggest that staff inquire as to whether ABAG requires PACE programs disclose to homeowners that there may be lower cost alternatives, and if not, that Council request ABAG to adopt additional disclosures to homeowners.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Ohshita

**B. Discuss Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance and building efficiency study**

Griffing provided an update – the City of Berkeley updated their BESO to modify the compliance schedule for commercial assessments. The Committee discussed modeling the ordinance after the BESO, but decided to keep the name BEADO.

Committee Member Smith-Heimer provided an update on the CAP Implementation Subcommittee, which met and recommends a pilot study to either conduct a door-to-door energy survey or provide free BEADO assessments to interested residents. Either study would provide information on existing building energy. The Committee liked the idea of a survey, and Vice Chair Golem suggested going to Council with choices. They will come back with details on information the survey would seek to obtain, as well as consider what information already exists. Staff will look into an existing pilot program for free assessments through BayREN.

**Motion:** Moved by Vice Chair Golem, seconded by Chair Wei to recommend that Council adopt a BEADO ordinance based on Berkeley’s BESO, and if there is not time to bring the final ordinance and resolution back for discussion they would like to provide comments directly to staff.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Ohshita

**C. Discuss draft resolution supporting the UUTr in concept**

The Committee discussed the resolution and suggested minor edits, including clarifying the connection between PG&E’s billing system and greenhouse gas reduction as well as adding an additional “therefore” clause stating that the Council calls upon the CPUC to require utilities to enable municipalities to make this change. The Committee discussed a recent article stating that PG&E has agreed to do something similar in San Francisco.

Public comment was received from Mark Meldgin, who did a calculation to determine what percentage of renewables the grid needs in order to have less carbon pollution than direct use of natural gas for home heating, and concluded that the electricity grid has to be over 50% renewables before electricity starts to be a better choice than natural gas.

**Motion:** Moved by Committee Member Cooper, seconded by Committee Member Smith-Heimer to recommend that council adopt the UUTr resolution with the two noted amendments.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Ohshita

**D. Alameda County Community Choice Energy (CCE) update**

Griffing provided an update – the JPA language is being finalized and will go to the County Board of Supervisors on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The JPA is scheduled for the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee discussed the JPA and any financial obligations of the City.

Public comment was received by Mark Meldgin, who suggested that, although unlikely, increased rates could drive customers back to PG&E, and the indebtedness would fall to the City of Albany.

**Motion:** Moved by Vice Chair Golem, seconded by Committee Member Cooper to recommend that Council join the East Bay Community Choice Energy JPA.

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

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Ohshita

**E. 2016 BAAQMD Clean Air Plan & Regional Climate Protection Strategy**

Jeff Bond provided a presentation of the elements of the BAAQMD strategy that are relevant to Committee initiatives and the Committee discussed the report.

**F. Schools Subcommittee update**

Committee Member Uhrhammer attended a School Board meeting and provided an update on AUSD's commitment to building to CHPS standards. The subcommittee will continue to be involved in the process of designing new schools.

**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:

September:

- CAP Implementation Subcommittee update
- BEADO update
- CCE update
- Establish Arts & Green Festival Subcommittee
- Discuss Committee role in state and national initiatives, and possibility to recommend a resolution urging the extension of the State's Cap & Trade Program
- Update on LEED 2 year PPA agreement for Belmont Village

Subsequent meetings:

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

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

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm