



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wei at 7:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Ohshita, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Chair Wei

Members Absent: Committee Member Cooper

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from March 1, 2017 meeting

Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

5-1. East Bay Clean Energy Update

Claire Griffing provided an update – Contra Costa County has decided to join Marin Clean Energy. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District will be reaching out to the City to discuss opportunities for starting on a 100% renewable default option.

5-2. Update on Utility User Tax Restructuring Proposal (UUTr)

Griffing provided an update on her UUTr presentation to StopWaste's Technical Advisory Group. There was good feedback from the cities, particularly from Oakland, which suggested a progressive increase on the natural gas UUT to generate revenue. The Berkeley Energy Commission will be recommending a similar resolution to their Council.

5-3. Climate Action Plan 2.0 Update

Griffing provided an update on the CEC Local Government Challenge Climate Action Planning and Energy Innovation grant application. The grant application was disqualified. Staff will work to determine available funds for CAP 2.0 planning.

The Committee discussed working with adjacent cities such as Berkeley and El Cerrito for further analyses on transforming energy systems and current updates to the greenhouse gas inventory for CAP progress tracking.

5-4. Update on Green Building Reach Codes

A doodle poll was sent out to arrange an ad hoc meeting between the subcommittee members of Planning and Zoning Commission and the Sustainability Committee.

5-5. Council Action on 2017-2019 Work Plan

Griffing provided an update - Council unanimously approved the 2017-2019 Sustainability Committee workplan. There were minor comments suggesting language clarification around the pilot survey and the Building Energy Assessment Disclosure Ordinance. Vice Mayor Nick Pilch discussed how to better coordinate with the Sustainability Committee and asked to agendize a discussion around a City Council subcommittee to work directly with Sustainability Committee members.

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

6-2. Arts & Green Festival Update

Committee Member Golem provided an update – The planning of the Arts and Green Festival is going well with City Park and Recreation staff working with the subcommittee members. There were a greater number of exhibitors signed up to table than previous years.

6-3. Discussion of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey Results

CivicSpark Climate Fellow Fanny Yang gave a presentation of the preliminary results of the local hazard survey that will be incorporated into the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The survey had 15 questions surrounding emergency preparedness, potential local hazards, and resources. 84 responses were received in the 3-week period it was open to the public.

6-4. Report on Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Griffing provided an update – As part of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s *Charge!* grant program, the City is currently looking at 6 sites for electric vehicle charger to be installed at. The Sustainability Committee discussed pricing, benefits of having charging stations available to the public, and potential usage of these chargers by EV drivers in the community.

Motion: Motion by Committee Member Golem, seconded by Committee Member Urhammer to recommend to Council to approve the BAAQMD’s *Charge!* grant for installing public electric charging stations.

AYES: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Ohshita, Committee Member Urhammer, Chair Wei

NOES: None

Absent: Committee Member Cooper

6-5. Report on Building Energy Assessment and Disclosure Ordinance (BEADO) Presentation to Realtor’s Association

Griffing provided an update on a presentation to the Berkeley/Oakland Realtor’s Association on April 19th. Realtors has concerns about usefulness and cost effectiveness of assessments, and high deferral rates. Realtors recommended starting with a voluntary program while waiting for Berkeley to improve their BESO implementation. Berkeley’s BESO administration currently relies on three different systems for data input and application statuses. Both real estate agents and staff agreed that Berkeley’s voluntary ME2 Program was successful in having audits contribute to home energy improvements. The Sustainability Committee requested that staff return with an alternative proposal and timeline, given the hurdles with the program.

6-6. Report from Climate Action Subcommittee

Committee Member Ohshita shared her proposal for the Building Survey and Energy Audit Project. The proposal is for a pilot project for building energy audits along with a survey to better understand what kind of energy upgrades would be needed for residential buildings.

Motion: Motion by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Chair Wei to proceed with the proposed building survey and energy audit project and report back if there are any obstacles relative to cost or staffing.

AYES: Committee Member Howard, Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Ohshita, Committee Member Uhrhammer

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Cooper

6-7. Report from Schools Subcommittee

Item deferred to next meeting.

6-8. Report on Proposed Park & Ride Lot Under I-80/Buchanan Intersection

Item deferred to next meeting.

6-9. Information on Plan Bay Area 2040

Item deferred to next 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:

- Fuel switching update
- CAP 2.0 & Adaptation
- Carry over informational items from previous meeting
- GHG inventory update
- Survey/pilot (update from staff)

- BEADO

A. Next regular meeting – Wednesday, June 7, 2017

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59pm.

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