

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Peterson at 7:32 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Howard, Committee

Member Ohshita, Vice Chair Peterson, Committee Member Uhrhammer

Members Absent: Chair Wei

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from May 3, 2017 meeting

Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

5-1. East Bay Community Energy Update

Claire Griffing provided an update – BAAQMD is offering to pay for a feasibility study for the City of Berkeley and Albany to have 100% renewable energy as the default option for EBCE program rollout. A coordination meeting is scheduled next week to kick off the project.

5-2. Bay Area SunShares Program

Griffing provided an update – The City is considering a partnership with SunShares, a group buying, clean energy procurement program offering discounts and education on residential solar and electric vehicles to potential Albany customers.

5-3. Status report on preparation of an update to the Greenhouse Gas Inventory

CivicSpark Climate Fellow Fanny Yang provided an update – The inventory for 2015 is roughly 80% finished. She is working through the methodologies associated with the remaining transportation sector. Due to data provision constraints from PG&E, energy data is currently incomplete with several data gaps for the commercial and industrial energy consumption sector. After completing the 2015 inventory, she will update previous inventories for 2010 and 2005.

5-4. Update on Green Building Reach Codes

Jeff Bond provided an update - Bond is currently scheduling a meeting for the Green Building Subcommittee.

Committee Member Cooper provided a review of the Arts & Green Festival this year. Although the festival was not as well attended as in the past, collaboration with the Recreation Department was successful. The planning process for the 2018 Arts & Green Festival will restart in later in the year.

Committee Member Howard's last meeting will be on July 19th. The Sustainability Committee discussed the process for the new student appointee by the School Board.

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

6.1 Report on Energy Assessment Pilot Program

Griffing and Yang gave a presentation on Berkeley's BESO program and Albany's proposed energy assessment pilot program. The program will be offer a limited number of free assessments to Albany residents based on survey results. The Sustainability Committee gave feedback on survey questions and the implementation of the proposed energy assessment pilot program.

6-2. Report from Climate Action Subcommittee

Vice Chair Peterson provided an update – The community sustainability portal is on hold until the new City website is in place.

6-3. Report from Schools Subcommittee

No updates provided.

6-4. Report on Proposed Park & Ride Lot Under I-80/Buchanan Intersection

Bond provided a report on the proposed Park & Ride lot under the I-80/Buchanan intersection. Funded by MTC, it will have about 200 parking spaces, including bike lockers and electric vehicle spaces.

6-5. Information on Plan Bay Area 2040 including Analysis of Greenhouse Gas and Climate Change

Bond gave a brief overview of Plan Bay Area 2040, analyzing climate change effects and greenhouse gas reduction under current and future transportation, housing, and economic policies. Bay Area's population is projected to increase by 2.4 million people by 2040.

6-6. Discuss Regular Meeting Schedule

The Sustainability Committee rescheduled the September and October 2017 meetings for the third Tuesday of each month.

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:

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- Discussion of CAP 2.0, Adaptation, and Fuel Switching
- Report on Greenhouse Gas Inventory

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm.

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