



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

**City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, July 19, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Committee Member Cooper, Vice Chair Peterson, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Chair Wei

Members Absent: Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Ohshita

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from June 7, 2017 meeting

Approved with minor edit.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

5-1. Student Member Update

Claire Griffing provided an update – The School Board will appoint a new student member in September.

5-2. Bay Area SunShares Program Update

Griffing provided an update – Staff is working to promote the SunShares Program, including partnering on two regional workshops. The Committee offered to help promote this program.

5-3. Update on Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Griffing provided an update – Council authorized staff to submit a grant for EV charging stations in four City lots on Monday night. The grant deadline has been extended to November, but staff is planning to finalize the application by next week.

5-4. East Bay Community Energy Update

Griffing provided an update – EBCE hired a CEO last month and is meeting tonight to work on the implementation plan.

5-5. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update

Griffing provided an update – The City has still been unable to obtain commercial and industrial data for the inventory. Staff will bring as much of the inventory as possible to the next meeting. Chair Wei expressed interest in looking at the trendline for residential energy usage from 2013-2016 as well.

5-6. Update on Green Building Reach Codes

Jeff Bond provided an update – An arrangement for the Green Buildings Subcommittee to meet is underway to discuss reach codes.

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

6-1. Proclamation for former Committee Member Sophia Howard

The Sustainability Committee signed a resolution of appreciation for Committee Member Howard expressing their appreciation for her service to the City of Albany. They thanked her for her commitment and leadership in educating members of the public about sustainability since her appointment in April 2015.

6-2. Report on Energy Assessment Pilot Program and Review of Draft Home Energy Survey

Home Energy Score assessors Andre O'Neal and Alysia O'Neal provided a summary of their experiences as home performance contractors. They noted that there is not a standardized method of collecting data which may lead to varying perspectives from contract inspectors and home energy assessors. Assessments cost \$250 per 1,500 sq ft.

The Sustainability Committee discussed the benefits of administrating a pilot program and provided feedback on draft home energy survey. Staff will bring survey results and next steps in September.

6-3. Discussion of Adaptation and CAP 2.0 Planning Process

The Sustainability Committee discussed the inclusion of an adaptation plan component to the CAP 2.0, which will incorporate measures to address 2035 and 2050 reduction targets.

Griffing provided an update – The City of Albany was disqualified from the CEC grant for small cities climate action planning due to technicalities. The grant will likely be available again in 1-2 years. There has been discussion about a joint RFP process with other cities.

6-4. Report from Climate Action Subcommittee

No update.

6-5. Report from Schools Subcommittee

The Committee discussed sustainability aspects of the plans for the new San Gabriel campus for Albany Middle School and asked the subcommittee to follow up with the AUSD Facilities Director.

7. POSSIBLE 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).

- Report on Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Fuel Switching Presentation
- Survey Results and Pilot Update
- CAP 2.0 Discussion

A. Next regular meeting – Tuesday, September 19, 2017

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14pm.