



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wei at 7:30pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Committee Member Ohshita

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from October 17, 2017 meeting

Approved with minor edits.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

#### 5-1. Regular Meeting Schedule

Claire Griffing provided an update – The Sustainability Committee will resume its regular meeting schedule on the third Wednesday of the month.

#### 5-2. Update on Home Energy Assessment Pilot Program

Griffing provided an update – Home Comfort & Energy Solutions is working to schedule the remaining few energy assessments. Initial results of the pilot program will be presented to the Committee meeting once all assessment data is received.

#### 5-3. Update on Reach Codes

Griffing provided an update – Staff is investigating the potential for reach codes and will provide an update at a future meeting.

#### 5-4. East Bay Community Energy – Presentation scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting

Griffing provided an update – The East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) Board of Directors is meeting to discuss options for power mixes and rates. Dan Lieberman, who was recently hired to work for EBCE, will be providing an update to City Council on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### 6-1. Presentation by Miya Kitahara of StopWaste Regarding Climate Action Planning Trends and Best Practices

Miya Kitahara provided an update on the status of climate action planning in Alameda County, highlighting that Albany is leading in greenhouse gas reductions. She explained that focus is shifting from greenhouse gas reduction modeling to policy implementation and tracking. Kitahara recommended focusing on fewer, more flexible measures and highlighted the importance of including both adaptation and circular economy strategies into Albany's Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan.

#### 6-2. Discuss Draft Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan Request for Proposals (RFP)

Claire Griffing and Chelsea Poley presented a draft RFP and Scope of Work to the Committee. The Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan will take a new approach, defining carbon neutrality and focusing on actionable measures and addressing deep decarbonization principles. The Committee provided minor edits to the RFP.

#### 6-3. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Subcommittee Presentation

Chair Wei summarized key takeaways from his individual analysis of the 2015 greenhouse gas inventory. Wei explained that inventory methodologies are inconsistent between jurisdictions and between years, which makes direct comparison unreliable.

#### **6-4. Discuss Possibility of Becoming a Task Force and/or Updating Committee Focus**

The Committee decided to remain a Committee and focus on fewer goals, which will include actionable items with realistic timelines. The Committee will discuss potential Subcommittees at a later meeting.

#### **6-5. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2018**

Nick Peterson was appointed Chair. Stephanie Ohshita was nominated for Vice Chair; pending her acceptance.

### **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).

- Update on CAP 2.0 RFP Process
- Home Energy Assessment Pilot Program Results
- Discuss Community Outreach and Engagement Strategies
- Discuss Potential Subcommittees
- BEADO Updates (Berkeley and Boulder)

#### **A. Next regular meeting – Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.