



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peterson at 7:31pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Golem

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from February 21, 2018 meeting

Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

5-1. Update on Climate Action Plan Presentation to Council

Chelsea Polevy provided an update – On March 5, Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Smithies, and City staff gave a presentation to Council on Climate Action Plan progress and discussed the development of a new Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan to reach long-term greenhouse gas reduction goals.

5-2. Green Building Update

Claire Griffing provided an update – staff met with Wes Sullens of the US Green Building Council to discuss potential reach codes for Albany. Sullens will give a presentation about changes to the LEED program and potential reach code options at an upcoming Committee meeting.

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

6-1. Presentation by StopWaste Regarding Home Energy Score Assessment Program

Lisa Pontecorvo of StopWaste and Lauren Hotell of Frontier Energy presented an overview of the home energy score assessment program, including their roles, the history, purpose, and logistics of the program. The Committee expressed concern regarding lack of tracking data and costs of mandatory assessments. The Committee expressed interest in a full policy analysis, including a data review, summary of program successes and challenges, and staff recommendations for next steps at an upcoming meeting.

6-2. Review Post-Assessment Survey for Home Energy Score Pilot

Chelsea Polevy presented a draft post-assessment survey for home energy score pilot program participants that will help staff gain a better understanding of the homeowners' experience throughout the assessment process, their interpretation of the home energy score reports, and their plans for next steps. The Committee provided minor edits to the survey.

6-3. East Bay Community Energy Program Development Update

Claire Griffing provided an update on the status of the East Bay Community Energy Program, explaining that Council voted to opt all municipal and commercial accounts into EBCE's "Brilliant 100" 100% carbon-free electricity program at the same price as PG&E. Griffing noted that there is a lack of political support from community groups. Dan Liberman of EBCE will connect with the Outreach Subcommittee to work on program outreach to commercial customers.

6-4. Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan Request for Proposals Update

Chelsea Polevy provided an update on the status of the Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan Request for Proposals, which was authorized for release by City Council and issued on March 16. Proposals will be reviewed and consultants

will be interviewed in late May. Chair Peterson and Committee Member Ohshita volunteered to sit on the interview panel.

6-5. Outreach Subcommittee Update

Chair Peterson and Vice Chair Smithies provided an update on the Outreach Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will work to leverage already existing groups and events, focus in on more specific topics, and determine partnerships and outreach channels. The Subcommittee will meet with ACRAAT to brainstorm outreach ideas and events.

6-6. Update on 2018 Priority Projects

Griffing provided an update on staff priorities and the Committee confirmed priorities, including development of the Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan, energy program or policy development, green building reach codes, and outreach.

7. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The committee discussed possible future agenda items, including:

- Home Energy Assessment Pilot Program Final Results and Policy Analysis/Next Steps (April)
- Green Building Presentation (May or June)

A. Next regular meeting – Wednesday, April 18, 2018

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.