



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, July 18, 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 Cooper, Committee Member Golem, Committee Member Siehr, Committee Vice Chair Smithies, Committee Member Uhrhammer, Committee Member Wei, Chair Peterson

Members Absent: None

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approve minutes from April 18, 2018 meeting

Approved.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

#### 5-1. Upcoming Sustainability Events

Claire Griffing provided an update on upcoming City sustainability events.

#### 5-2. CivicSpark Fellowship

Chelsea Poley provided an update – her term will end on August 10, and new CivicSpark Fellow Lizzie Carrade will join the City on September 10.

#### 5-3. Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan Update

Poley provided an update – Council approved a contract to work with Cascadia Consulting Group, Rincon Consultants, and BAE Urban Economics for the development of the new Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan (CMAP). A project kickoff meeting will be held on August 1.

#### 5-4. Update on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Poley provided an update – Five new City-owned electric vehicle (EV) charging stations will be installed in City parking lots this fall. Council passed a resolution to adopt a rate and time limit policy for the City-owned EV charging stations along with an ordinance that allows for enforcement of the policy.

#### 5-5. East Bay Community Energy Update

Griffing provided an update – the program was rolled out to commercial/municipal accounts in June. City staff will receive an update from East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) in the next few weeks.

Committee Member Wei asked about tree removal.

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

#### 6-1. Proclamation in Appreciation of Committee Member Ron Golem

The Sustainability Committee signed a resolution for Committee Member Howard expressing their appreciation for his service to the City of Albany. They thanked him for his commitment to making Albany a more environmentally responsible city since his appointment in November 2014.

## **6-2. Proclamation in Appreciation of CivicSpark Fellow Chelsea Polevy**

The Sustainability Committee signed a resolution for Polevy expressing their appreciation for her year of service to the City as a CivicSpark Fellow.

## **6-3. Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Update**

Committee Member Wei gave a presentation on decarbonizing residential water heating. He explained that installing heat pump water heaters can sharply reduce greenhouse gas emissions but faces two large obstacles: higher installation costs and higher operating costs. The Committee discussed rebate programs as a way to encourage adoption.

## **6-4. Outreach Subcommittee Update**

The Subcommittee provided an update – they would like to promote sustainability workshops and sustainable home tours. They discussed the possibility of publishing a “special edition” sustainability e-newsletter. The subcommittee discussed large events like the Arts & Greens Festival and Jeff Bond offered to come to an outreach subcommittee meeting and discuss further.

## **6-5. Discussion of Subcommittee Structure**

The Committee acknowledged that subcommittee structure may change as focus shifts to climate mitigation and adaptation planning. The Committee decided to agendaize this discussion at a future meeting.

## **7. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee discussed possible future agenda items, including:

- Discussion of Subcommittee Structure
- Presentation on EBCE Electricity Options
- Energy Assessment Presentation from North Lennox
- Waste Reduction, Recycling & Plastic Pollution

### **A. Next regular meeting – Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm.