



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Committee Member Uhrhammer

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from March 21, 2018 meeting

Approved with minor edit.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from Terra Baer of the Albany High School Earth Team, who expressed interest in banning plastic straws to reduce plastic pollution. The Committee suggested agendaizing the item for a future meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Claire Griffing provided an update – The City has modified its audio and video recording policy. Commissions will be video recorded, and Committees will be audio recorded. Recordings will be available on the City's website.

5-1. Sustainability Events

Griffing provided an update – Upcoming City events include:

- Annual Earth Day Cleanup at Albany Beach on April 21st starting at 9am, including a Visualizing Sea Level Rise event from 11:00am-1:00pm hosted by Citizens for East Shore Parks
- Memorial Park Cleanup and Compost Giveaway: Saturday, May 5th 9am-noon
- May events include bike to school and bike to work events, as well as Bike About Town and a Bike-in movie night

5-2. Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan RFP Update

Griffing provided an update – The RFP was released on March 16th, and proposals are due May 4th. The City has received notice of intent to propose from 14 firms. Chair Peterson and Committee Member Ohshita will sit on the interview panel, likely to be scheduled in mid-late May.

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

6-1. Review Home Energy Score Pilot Program Results

Griffing presented results from the Home Energy Score pilot program. The Committee discussed the limitations of the Home Energy Score program and established an Energy Subcommittee of Committee Members Ohshita and Wei to look at assessment data and research other assessment programs.

6-2. Review of Staff Analysis of Energy Program Priorities and Program Options

Griffing provided a presentation on energy program priorities and current program offerings. The Committee deferred the conversation until a future meeting, after an update by the Energy Subcommittee.

6-3. East Bay Community Energy Update

Griffing provided an update – the Council voted in March to enroll all municipal and commercial accounts into East Bay Community Energy (EBCE)'s Brilliant 100 (100% carbon free) product at the same price as PG&E. Staff plans to bring a similar request to Council to opt up residential accounts in May.

6-4. Outreach Subcommittee Update

Vice Chair Smithies provided an update – the subcommittee has discussed outreach goals, including promoting the EBCE launch, and is connecting with existing community groups. The subcommittee will create an outreach strategy to bring back to the Committee for discussion and implementation.

Public comment was received from Eric Larson regarding his interest in helping with outreach.

7. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The committee discussed possible future agenda items, including:

- Presentation from Wes Sullens of US Green Building Council on LEED and California Green Building Code (June)
- Clean & Active Transportation Initiatives
- Fuel Switching Policy Challenges
- Plastic pollution
- Update on Home Energy Score pilot results

A. Next regular meeting – Wednesday, May 16, 2018

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm.