



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Wednesday, May 16, 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 Ohshita, 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 with minor edit.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

#### 5-1. Sustainability Events

Claire Griffing provided an update on upcoming City sustainability events.

#### 5-2. Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan RFP Update

Chelsea Poley provided an update – City staff is in the process of reviewing project proposals and will choose four firms to interview in the next few weeks. Chair Peterson and Committee Member Ohshita will participate on the interview panel.

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

#### 6-1. East Bay Community Energy Update

Griffing provided an update – the Council meeting on May 21 will include a discussion of opting up all residential customers to East Bay Community Energy's Brilliant 100 (100% carbon-free) product when the program launches to residential accounts in November. Staff and the sustainability committee have recommended that Council do so. The program will launch to commercial customers in July.

#### 6-2. Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Update & Discussion of Home Energy Program Priorities and Options

Committee Member Wei presented an analysis of the City's Home Energy Score Pilot Program results, explaining that the audits are geared towards insulation and heating and that electricity savings are minimal. The Committee determined that retrofits would be costly with minimal payback. Vice Chair Smithies suggested that staff bring back the energy policy analysis that was not discussed at the April meeting.

#### 6-3. Outreach Subcommittee Update

Committee Member Cooper provided an update – he attended a meeting for Albany Climate Action Coalition (ACAC), a community organization that is advocating for East Bay Community Energy's Brilliant 100 product and focusing on outreach via a new website. The Subcommittee suggested staff work on improvements to the City website's sustainability page, introduced the idea of creating a "Conscious Living" campaign, and discussed the community engagement process for development of the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plan.

#### 6-4. Discussion of Committee Role in Clean & Active Transportation Initiatives

Griffing and Poley provided an overview of the City's efforts to promote clean and active transportation, which include pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements, public transit projects, zero emissions vehicle infrastructure, trip reduction services, and education and outreach initiatives.

## **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)
- Home Energy Score Policy Analysis
- Fuel Switching Policy Challenges
- Recycling & Plastic Pollution

**A. Next regular meeting – Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm.