



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, June 20, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peterson at 7:33pm.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Vice Chair Smithies

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve minutes from May 16, 2018 meeting

Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5-1. Presentation from Wes Sullens of US Green Building Council on LEED and California Green Building Code

The Committee received a presentation from Wes Sullens of the US Green Building Council. Sullens summarized LEED certification and California reach codes and encouraged the Committee to think holistically about all environmental impacts of green building rather than focusing specifically on energy.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

6-1. Sustainability Events

Claire Griffing provided an update on upcoming City sustainability events. Public comment was received by Eric Larson of the Albany Climate Action Coalition (ACAC), who promoted the organization's upcoming events.

6-2. Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan Update

Chelsea Poley provided an update – the City has selected Cascadia Consulting with Rincon and BAE to develop the new Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan. City staff will bring a contract to Council on July 2nd and a kick-off meeting will be scheduled with staff after that.

6-3. East Bay Community Energy Update

Griffing provided an update – City Council approved enrolling residential and commercial customers in EBCE's "Brilliant 100" service, which will occur in November. Commercial customers were enrolled this month. Data on opt-outs and opt-downs will soon be available.

6-4. Fuel Switching Pilot Program

Poley provided an update – East Bay Energy Watch (EBEW) is conducting a heat pump water heater pilot program, which will evaluate the barriers to heat pump water heater adoption and customer satisfaction. Results will be available at the end of the year.

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

7-1. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Contract

Griffing announced that StopWaste, through EBEW funding, has contracted with Placeworks to develop a tool for calculating greenhouse gas inventories. This tool will provide the opportunity to standardize greenhouse gas inventory methodologies across Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Data for 2017 emissions should be available in the fall.

7-2. Energy Efficiency Subcommittee Update

The Subcommittee provided an update – Committee Member Siehr is preparing academic literature on sustainable communities that will analyze co-benefits of energy efficiency home improvements.

7-3. Review of Staff Analysis of Energy Program Priorities and Program Options

Griffing provided a presentation, which highlighted the long list of energy efficiency program offerings for Albany residents and businesses. Griffing recommended promoting new and existing energy efficiency programs and working with the community and consultants to develop energy policy priorities as part of the climate mitigation and adaptation planning process. The Committee expressed interest in researching federal and state grant funding opportunities.

7-4. Outreach Subcommittee Update

The Subcommittee provided an update – they will focus on partnering with likeminded community groups and attending green events. They hope to promote EBCE's residential program, launch a poster campaign on Bigbellies, and perform transportation-related outreach. Public comment was received by Eric Larson of ACAC, who showcased the organization's new website.

8. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed possible future agenda items, including:

- Recycling & Plastic Pollution
- Fuel Switching Policy Challenges
- Committee Events

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm.