



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

City Hall Council Chambers

1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 7:30 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

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

Members Absent: Committee Member Siehr

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 19, 2018

Approved with minor edit.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4-1. Advisory Body Appreciation Event

Claire Griffing announced that there will be an Advisory Body Appreciation Event on October 18, 2018, 7:00PM – 8:30PM at the Albany Community Center.

4-2. Upcoming Sustainability Events

Griffing provided an update on two upcoming sustainability events. On Saturday, October 20, there will be a Shelter Fundamentals class at the Senior Center. SunShares will have a workshop in Dublin on October 30, and a webinar on October 23 (<http://www.bayareasunshares.org/events>).

4-3. Update on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Griffing provided an update – Staff plans to move forward with purchase and installation of chargers soon.

4-4. Update on Community Climate Solutions Web Platform

Griffing provided an update – The contract has been approved, and a kickoff meeting will be held in the next few weeks.

Committee Member Wei provided an update – The IPCC report released last week warns of severe global impacts of climate change in the next 20 years.



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5. PRESENTATIONS

5-1. **Presentation from Home Energy Score Assessor North Lennox Regarding Energy Assessment Programs**

Home Energy Assessor North Lennox discussed the latest improvements in home energy efficiency, the potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the residential sector, and the potential to incorporate energy efficiency scorecards in Albany. North noted that gas water heating is an opportunity for fuel switching, and solar adoption could be accelerated.

5-2. **Staff Presentation on Waste Reduction Initiatives**

The Committee deferred conversation to the next Sustainability Committee meeting.

6. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. **Climate Mitigation & Adaptation Plan Update**

Elizabeth Carrade provided an update - the SurveyMonkey survey has over 200 responses, and internal staff interviews will be conducted in the next few weeks. The CAP 2.0 subcommittee will meet to complete an emissions sources brainstorming activity created by Cascadia, and will report back at the next Sustainability Committee meeting.

6-2. **Discussion of Subcommittee Goals & Actions**

The CAP 2.0 subcommittee will focus on reducing community-wide emissions through promoting adoption of EV vehicles and technology, as well as alternatives to driving, and home electrification. The Outreach subcommittee will work to mobilize the community and conduct general awareness campaigns.

6-3. **East Bay Community Energy Update**

East Bay Community Energy presented to City Council on 10/15/2018, during which there were concerns about the recent CPUC decision to increase the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA). EBCE will begin to provide service to residential customers in November, at the same rates as PG&E.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee discussed future agenda items, including:

7-1. Staff Presentation on Waste Reduction Initiatives

7-2. Staff Presentation on CAP 2.0 survey results

7-3. Discussion of emissions sources brainstorm activity

7-4. CCS update



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8. **NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, December 5, 2018 7:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm.