



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**REVISED MEETING LOCATION:
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BUILDING
1325 PORTLAND AVE – (MEMORIAL PARK)
April 15, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cooper at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Thomas Cooper	Caryl O'Keefe	Janet Smith-Heimer
Miya Kitahara	Suzanne Schrift	April Yang

Members Absent: Dan Lieberman
Staff Present: Nicole Almaguer
Others Present: EDAW, Inc.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from March 18 meeting (attached)

Minutes approved unanimously as amended. Motion by Kitahara, seconded by O'Keefe.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Preston Jordan announced that Buchanan Street is being considered for redesign, and a public meeting is scheduled. Jordan has been encouraging the concept of complete streets.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Preston Jordan announced that Transform's annual summit will be held on 5/16.
Ed Fields announced the UC educational series in process regarding SB 375.

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

6-1. Process for Sustainability Committee Input to Major Projects and Programs – Review proposal from long range planning subcommittee

Smith-Heimer presented the proposal to create liaisons to Traffic & Safety, Planning & Zoning, and the Waterfront Committee. This will provide an opportunity for the Committee to introduce itself and to identify mutual goals between various groups. Designees from the Committee may not be able to attend each meeting, but will monitor agendas and minutes. If designees are unable to attend, other members from the Committee would be encouraged to attend if the agenda seemed relevant.

O'Keefe suggested including additional city commissions, and encouraged regular attendance at the meetings. O'Keefe regularly attends the Waterfront Committee meetings, and they recently had a discussion about the Albany Bulb as related to Measure WW funds. They discussed transfer of the Bulb to the Park District, and a member of the public stated that wind energy at the waterfront was being discussed by the Sustainability Committee. This is an example of how the agenda does not always reflect what will be discussed and why regular attendance should be attempted.

Jordan asked why the other city groups and the school board were not included.

Smith-Heimer replied that the Committee is aiming to start with key groups, expanding as schedules allow, and potentially involve the schools in the future.

Cooper noted the amendment to the policy to attempt inclusion of other city commissions as schedule allows. Policy unanimously approved as amended.

6-2. Continued review of Climate Action Plan Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategies

EDAW provided a number of measures for discussion based on measures that quantitatively seem to be those that are the most feasible, provide the biggest ghg reductions, and are affordable.

Smith-Heimer requested additional data related to the peer review of the ICLEI inventory.

Smith-Heimer also requested that EDAW develop measures unique to Albany, and that Albany already has density. Kitahara requested EDAW provide detail on how the estimated greenhouse gas emissions reductions were calculated.

Jordan provided comments from the Carbon Neutral Albany group, and requested additional information regarding cost detail.

EDAW will be revising the draft measures and supplying additional information as requested.

6-3. Green Albany Day Event Planning

The event is well planned and a number of organizations will have information booths at the event. Public outreach, posters, and media will be conducted to encourage attendance.

6-4. Select liaison for AUSD Pool Sustainability Committee

This item was not discussed.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).

7-1. Next meeting May 20, 2009

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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