

**MINUTES For The
SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA
Thursday, June 19, 2014**

Note that the Sausalito Sustainability Commission may, at its discretion, consider agenda items out of the order in which they are listed. The public may comment on any item on the agenda that has not previously been subject to public comment. To give everyone an opportunity to be heard and to ensure the presentation of different points of view, the Commission requests that members of the audience who speak:

- 1) *Always address the Chair;*
- 2) *(Optional) State his/her name;*
- 3) *State views succinctly; and*
- 4) *Limit presentations to three (3) minutes.*

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Chairperson: Cynthia Nimmo

Secretary: Monica Towers for Sue Currier

Members: Jann Johnson, Greg Kandankulam

City: Andrew Davidson

BCRS: Kim Christie

Absent/ Excused: Ray Withy, Sue Currier, Linda Schanfein

1. Call to Order – 6:10 pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approved the minutes of the May meeting with no changes.
4. Sausalito City Matters
 - A. Priority Calendar – The Climate Action Plan made it “above the line” with a budget of \$6000 to \$8000. Andy Davidson will manage plan to be designed by Marin Clean Energy consultant.
 - B. JPA Grant – Andy Davidson has applied for another grant. Decision will be made by July 8. If favorable we will discuss spending possibilities at July meeting.
Total amount \$11,888.06
 - C. Age Friendly Task Force – Andy is sitting in on meetings. Discussion of how to assist included educating seniors about composting by providing posters to Rotary housing; inform Sausalito Village that BCRS will provide backyard service for those unable to move bins to curb; tap retirees as potential volunteers for outreach and daytime meetings
 - D. Sausalito Community Magazine – Monica Towers submitted a short article on the upcoming plastic bag ban for the fall issue. Deadline and subject for winter edition needed.

E. Lappert's Ice Cream's Request for Removal of Compost Bin -- Discussion of outreach plan. Jann Johnson will revamp her draft informational letter on composting to restaurants and take-out food providers. Cynthia Nimmo will send a letter to City Manager requesting that he send letter to inform them of and encourage participation in composting program. In store bins were also discussed.

5. Bay Cities Refuse Service

A. Permanent Compost Pile is up and running. DPW is creating signage. Jann Johnson will make cardboard sign in interim

B. Whiskey Springs residents do not wish to participate in survey.

C. Caledonia Street Festival – Booth was successful, with many stopping by, commission volunteers educated about composting program. 125 signed petition to ban leaf blowers.

6. Public Comment -- None

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7. Ongoing Efforts

A. Public Ashtrays – 4 BaitTanks have arrived. They will be installed by PWD within two months. The locations will be on website – two at the Ferry Landing and two at Yee Tock Chee Park.

BaitTanks collect cigarette butts and the placement of these "cute" receptacles in tourist coastal towns has helped towns like Carmel, Monterey Wharf, and Santa Cruz with their cigarette butt problems. Tourists seem to love them, and USE them more, and immediately get what they are. Currently, around town and in tourist areas, we use concrete ashtrays with sand tops, which fill with water in the rain, and the butts float out onto the street / park, plus into the Bay..

Bay Cities will empty the BaitTanks. And say it's actually easier to open the container, and tip out the butts, versus having to pull out individual butts from the sand traps.

The larger objective is to keep the butts out of the Bay, and stop smoking tourists from throwing their butts onto the street or into the Bay.

B. School Composting Program – Willow Creek teachers and parents are supportive. Adaptation has been slow as administrators are thinking beyond initial goal of compost bin in cafeteria to doing own composting. Jann Johnson will provide information on back yard composting and letter to Principals of other schools.

C. Single Use Plastic Bag Ban – Effective September 18, 2014

Discussion of purchase of reusable bags to giveaway and possibility of selling others at

Ice House and other locations. Next goal: expanding ban to all businesses.

D. Restaurant and Business composting outreach – Brainstorming session resulted in plan to have commissioners visit restaurants to speak with managers to encourage participation. We would bring composting “clings” and brochures as well as Jann’s letter and Greg Christie’s business card. Each visit would be followed up by letter and call by BCRS. List of participating businesses needed from BCRS

Initial division of labor:

Cynthia - Osteria Divino, Sartaj, Cibo, Angelina’s

Greg – Sushi Ran, Trident, Fein Yang

Jann – Aurora, Sausalito Café (?)

Monica – Bar Bocci, F3, Taste of Rome, Spinnaker

Linda – Scoma’s

Sue - Poggio

E. Web Site – Greg Kandukulam has done a significant amount of work updating the site. City approval is pending on certain links. Commissioners should pick topics and supply Greg with new content.

Monica and Jann will provide information on dangers of plastics in oceans; Jann - the importance of trees; Greg – Climate Action Plan; Sue – leaf blower ban

F. Leaf Blower Ban --postponed

G. Dockwalkers - postponed

8. New Business

A. Greg Kandankulam -- Greg is auditing other city boards and commissions and plans to visit and discuss our sustainability agendas with each of them.

--Plus reviewed our city web site and ways to reorganize to find information more effectively. Also discussed what to add to the site.

9. Agenda for Next Month

A. Mandatory Composting and Recycling – request City Council’s vote, possibly at September meeting, the second anniversary of composting program. Robert Haley should be invited to make presentation. Cynthia Nimmo will ask Sue Currier to invite him to our July meeting to discuss strategy.

Supporting argument: Sausalito is a member of the JPA, our City Manager, Adam Politzer is on the board. The JPA has a goal of Zero Waste by 2025. Therefore we should not have to ask City Council to vote for support of goal. In order to reach goal, composting and recycling should be made mandatory.

10. Commissioner Reports and Comments –none

11. Adjournment 7:40 pm

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