

**Approved Minutes for the
SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA
Thursday, October 23rd, 2014**

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- 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: Sue Currier

Members: Jann Johnson, Greg Kandankulam, Kristen Wolslegel

City: Jonathan Goldman, Andrew Davidson

BCRS: Kim Christie

Absent/Excused: Monica Towers, Linda Schanfein

Guest: Christine O'Rourke from the Marin Climate & Energy Partnership

1. Call to Order 6 pm

2. Roll Call

3. Approved the September minutes with no changes.

4. Sausalito City Matters

A. Bill Ring, our ex commissioner dropped in and introduced the new Wizard of Waste, Elaine Von Blohn. Greg Kandankulam is the Wizard of Waste contact within the commission.

B. Welcomed our newest Commissioner Kristen Wolslegel, and thrilled to have her onboard

C. Christine O'Rourke from the Marin Climate & Energy Partnership – Continued to review our recommendations for the Climate Action Plan and spent most of the meeting discussing details.

* Recommend that the city continue to research MCE re. MLK as a potential energy generating site, as suggested by Jonathan Goldman

* The City could offer a PACE program which enables home owners to get a loan for water conservation systems, solar, etc. and put it on a tax bill rather than getting a home equity loan.

* Tree canopy. The commission considered recommendations to plant substantially more trees. We learned that certain locations where trees are currently planted are harmful to City infrastructure. The plan can recommend that the City plant trees, where possible.

Also, it's unknown what percentage of the city has a tree canopy. We could recommend that the city view satellite images to identify the current percentage of canopy. Also need to check with San Francisco and their Urban Forest initiative, plus review what Tiburon and other local cities are planting at their waterfronts.

* Re. focus on transportation - Christine advised the committee to review the community actions and government actions- pg. 23

* Consider recommending that the city adopt more stringent building codes. And consider ways to incentivize the installation of solar on more homes. For example, the city can incentivize (title 24?) re. Solar installation. An example would be if standards are exceeded by 20%, the owner's, or builder's, fees could be subsidized.

* The December City Council meeting is generally reserved for updating newly appointed councilmembers. Therefore, the Climate Action plan will likely be submitted at the January City Council meeting.

* Discussion about Marin Green Energy - is it really "greener" than PG&E? Yes. Currently light green is about as green as PG&E. To affect our footprint, the recommendation needs to be that the City switch to Deep Green. There isn't locally green energy produced, currently, so this is the best option. The cities of Belvedere and Tiburon have switched to Deep Green. It costs approximately \$13,000/year

* Recommend charging a fee for all backyard pickup: trash, recycle, and compost. Other cities in the county are charging for this added service. The language should be a recommendation that at the next negotiation meeting between BCRS and the City, the appropriate amount be determined.

* Commission formed subcommittees to review the Climate Action Plan. An updated draft will be forwarded to the commissions to work off.

Transportation – All review

Waste – Kristen & Cynthia

Water Conservation (includes grey water) & Trees – Greg & Jann

Energy Efficiency/Solar – Sue & Jann

5. Bay Cities Refuse Service

Annual e-Waste event was approved and Kim will set up for the 2nd Saturday in January

7. Ongoing Efforts

A. School composting programs – Cynthia Nimmo was able to report that Willow Creek Academy will test adding compost bins in their cafeteria. Bay Cities picks up 2 days a week and the test involves cleanliness between pickups.

Everything else on the agenda was continued until next month

4. Sausalito City Matters

A. Review discussion for spending approved JPA grant of \$11,888.00,

B. Follow up on of standardized MLK directional signage to lead to the compost pile.

E. City web site – add the Fire Department solar system tracker and review solar output at City Hall

5. Bay Cities Refuse Service

A. Any updates on pilot for Age Friendly disability help and has it been advertised.

C. Mandatory recycling and composting - tabled discussion until November meeting

6. Public Comment.

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7. Ongoing Efforts

- A. Single Use Plastic Bag ordinance – Ongoing education and outreach plans
- B. Restaurant and Business composting outreach – Bay Cities to bring list of restaurants not composting or recycling. Plus updates from restaurants visited
- C. Our Website – review articles given to Greg and added to the site, and what still needs to be written or added...
- D. Sausalito Community Magazine --- Spring edition deadline of Jan 6th theme is to be on our Zero Waste Goals, allocate someone to write article
- E. Green Business Award Program – Update from Linda so we can discuss then potential candidates.
- F. Leaf Blower Ban – tabled until after outreach plans implemented

8. New Business

9. Agenda for Next Month

Finish details on Climate Action Plan and submit to Christine O'Rourke
Robert Haley from San Francisco will join us

10. Adjournment 8.00

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