

Draft Minutes for the Sausalito Sustainability Commission
Thursday, August 13, 2015
6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 Litho St., Sausalito CA

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Alternate: Marjorie Thomas
City: Andrew Davidson, Jonathon Goldman
City Council: Linda Pfeifer (Council Liaison)
BCRS: Greg/Kim Christie

1. Call to Order – 6:03p.m.
2. Roll Call - Rebecca, Kristen, Millard, Greg, Kathy
3. Motion to approve August Minutes by Greg, seconded by Rebecca, all in favor.
4. JPA Grant Update
 - \$11,888 to be spent by May 1, 2016
 - Will have JPA representative present at next meeting to discuss possible uses of funds
 - Funds originate from Zero Waste Marin, and are specifically for achieving the county's zero waste goals through education, community outreach and infrastructure
5. Presentation of Drivers Market Parklet Conceptual Plan
 - Presented by architect Barbara Brown, with owners Adam Driver and Graham Driver
 - Adam stressed the importance of sustainability to their business model.
 - Parklet will be located on the Turney Street side of the market and take up 2 parking spots. The market will give up their loading zone for a net loss of one parking spot. Bicycle parking will be added.
 - Parklet has potential as a community hub and a customer draw.
 - Parklet can also be an educational tool, using interactive and sustainable elements. There will also be explanatory plaques.
 - Parklets encourage pedestrian safety, promote alternate forms of transportation and community interaction.
 - Possibility of hosting classes and other educational events.
 - Composed of railings, planters, overhead element (trellis), solar panels, educational panels, water tank for rain catchment, high seating with standing counter and bicycle parking.
 - Parklet will use local materials
 - City staff is developing regulations for design review for parklets, and sees this project as a pilot.

- The commission could possibly draft a resolution of support, and provide help content for the educational boards. To be discussed at next meeting.

6. Update of Trash and Restaurant Mat Washing Problems Downtown

- Recap by Andy of trash issue - A lot of trash left out by downtown businesses is being strewn around, and refuse containers that should be closed are not. Some restaurants wash their mats outside and the water drains to the gutter, becoming a stormwater quality issue. In addition, clean-up takes approximately 2 hours per week of City maintenance staff time. BCRS also has cleanup costs associated with the problem.
- Space is an issue for the restaurants. There is currently not enough closed totes to accommodate all of the garbage.
- Enforcement through monetary means (fines) has not been used yet.
- The issue has been exacerbated by wildlife being forced into human areas by drought related lack of food and water. Coyotes rip open trash bags not in closed containers.
- The idea of looking at how other cities solved similar problems was reiterated.
- This issue will go to subcommittee.

7. Discussion Of PACE Financing

- Discussion led by Andy and guest Jonathan Kevles of California First
- The Property Assessed Clean Energy program is a means for homeowners to finance energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable energy generation improvements through property tax assessments.
- Cost breakdown:
 - The program costs the city nothing.
 - Financing costs are paid through fees assessed during real estate transaction closing costs.
 - Yearly fees added to property taxes the county's administrative costs.
 - The actual funding is through a JPA board - the California Statewide Communities Development Board, who floats bonds.
- The county has just vetted 4-5 of the PACE financiers, including California First. There are 4 or 5 vendors, and the County has produced a staff report template outlining the means for the municipality to approve all of PACE programs at once.
- Development of the SSC's strategy is delegated to the Energy Subcommittee.

8. Action Committee Updates

- Waste Management (Kathy, Kristen, Millard)
 - The waste management subcommittee met and discussed the following topics:
 - A new Sausalito Waste Management Assessment
 - Zero Waste Marin funding
 - Downtown Trash Issue
 - Extended Producer Responsibility
 - Waste Management Subcommittee priorities
 - Please see attached Waste Subcommittee for details of discussion
 - Clarification of ordinance banning single use carry-out bags - subcommittee will research this.
 - Guest Julia Carlson from the Sausalito Women's Club spoke on her desire to enhance the composting program of the club, and to work more closely with the commission. Kristen proposed Julia meeting with the waste subcommittee.
- Energy (Greg, Marjorie)
 - Greg discussed brought up the following items:

- the potential for more public solar infrastructure.
 - the possibility of a waste/energy crossover so the energy subcommittee can access JPA funds.
 - energy efficiency of the sewage treatment facilities.
 - a significant portion of the CAP related to energy is underway.
- Built Environment (Rebecca, Kristen, Millard)
 - Rebecca discussed the following topics:
 - Focus of subcommittee is transportation and land use.
 - Transportation involves the built environment and community activation.
 - Supporting efforts that are already underway, including joint meetings with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee and Parks & Recreation Commission.
 - Sea Level Rise - most solutions involve very large scale mitigation measures beyond the means of Sausalito, but there is local work to be done on this as well.
 - Parklet - arranged presentation
 - EV infrastructure - charging stations
 - Bike parking at events
 - Analyzing all of the CAP suggested ordinances
 - Kristen discussed a meeting she attended regarding the new ferry landing project.
 - Many people who had concerns about the project were allowed to get good feedback directly from the bridge district rep. The project is still alive.
 - Funding for Parks renovations is on the ballot - possibility of the Commission taking a supportive stance for the renovations.
- Community Activation (Cynthia, Linda)
 - Kristen discussed the website activation
 - Possibility of a survey
 - upcoming Sausalito Beautiful presentation

9. Public Comment

- Rebecca mentioned that a community member asked her to bring up the need for car share programs like ZipCar to be made available in Sausalito.

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10. Adjourn 7:54

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