

CITY COUNCIL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Hayward City Hall – Conference Room 2A
777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007

March 12, 2018
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Mendall.

ROLL CALL:

Members

- Al Mendall, City Council Member/CSC Chair
- Elisa Márquez, Absent
- Francisco Zermeño, City Council Member

Staff:

- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Alex Ameri, Director of Utilities & Environmental Services
- Fred Kelley, Transportation Manager
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager
- Carol Lee, Sustainability Specialist
- Jan Lee, Water Resources Manager
- Ciaran Gallagher, CivicSpark Fellow
- Majid Hafezieh, Associate Transportation Engineer
- Sai Midididdi, Associate Transportation Engineer
- Alicia Sargiotto, Management Analyst
- Tori Johnson, Senior Secretary (Recorder)

Others:

- Susie Hufstader, Bike East Bay
- Thomas Butler, President of Sustainability Club, California State University East Bay (CSUEB), Hayward Resident
- Jose Luigi Madrid, Sustainability Ambassador, CSUEB
- Michael Groziak, Professor of Chemistry, CSUEB
- Sandra Torres, Sustainability Ambassador, CSUEB, Hayward Resident
- Amanda Groziak, Hayward Resident
- Hayes Morehouse, Hayward Resident
- Angela Andrews, Chair, Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force
- Arti Garg, Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force, Hayward Resident
- Amanda Leahy, Kittelson Associates
- Shelby Sugierski, Rising Sun Energy Center

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shelby Sugierski with Rising Sun Energy Center urged partnerships with the City of Hayward.

Arti Garg, on behalf of Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force, shared a letter about adopting ordinances related to eliminating plastic drinking straws.

Chair Mendall pulled Item 5, Update on City's Efforts to Reduce Litter from Disposable Food Packaging, from the Agenda for scheduling at a future Council Infrastructure Committee (CIC) meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of Council Sustainability Meeting on January 8, 2018.

It was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Chair Mendall, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee meeting of January 8, 2018.

2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

Director Ameri provided a brief overview of the report. Transportation Manager Fred Kelly introduced Associate Transportation Engineer Sai Midididdi, and Amanda Leahy of Kittelson Associates. Ms. Midididdi presented the report. Amanda Leahy presented the project and stakeholder approach.

Susie Hufstader, Bike East Bay, encouraged early and often outreach, and to hold meetings where the users are. Chair Mendall encouraged Ms. Hufstader to get the word out about the meetings.

Council Member Zermeño invited Bike East Bay to the All-American Festival happening on June 30th at Tennyson and Hesperian, and expressed support for the pop-up bike lane. Council Member Zermeño suggested including Chabot College and CSUEB in the outreach, asked the consultant to study preventing deaths on freeway interchanges, and deemphasizing cars, as well as including Hayward Unified School District (HUSD). He would like the consultant to explore bicycle sharing, and to study why there is not a bicycle shop in South Hayward. Council Member Zermeño requested additional green pavement on major arterials to make them safer.

Chair Mendall emphasized developing and recommending long term and short-term plans. He expressed that long-term plans should look at future improvements and needs beyond five years, and requested the first priority should be to focus on arterials. Chair Mendall suggested exploring walkability and sidewalks in Hayward's industrial area.

3. Plastic Straws and Utensils

Solid Waste Manager, Jeff Krump provided a brief overview of the report and sought questions and discussion from the Committee.

Public Comments

Amanda Groziak, Hayward resident, made a public comment in support of any measures to reduce single-use utensils and straws in public venues, restaurants and shops. She expressed concern that only supporting AB1884 is not a strong enough measure to combat plastic pollution in Hayward.

Michael Groziak, Professor of Chemistry and Bio Chemistry at CSUEB, made a public comment encouraging Hayward to lead the way to show other cities alternatives to using plastic utensils.

Thomas Butler, representing the Sustainability Office at CSUEB, stated they have a quarterly campus cleanup, and a lot of the litter is from plastic foodware, and they are in support of the elimination of plastic foodware.

Angela Andrews, Chair, Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force, said they pick up a lot of plastic utensils and straws, and challenged the City to look at condiments as well.

Committee Comments

Council Member Zermeño agreed that AB 1884 is a good first step, and Governor Brown should be encouraged to sign it, and he asked where residents can be educated about shopping for biodegradable straws and utensils. Director Ameri responded that Business Costco, located on A Street, carries them. Council Member Zermeño suggested informing residents and restaurants through water bill inserts.

Director Ameri requested feedback from the Committee regarding the City's stand on supporting a Countywide Ordinance or having the City pursue their own Ordinance. Council Member Zermeño responded the City should move forward with its own Ordinance, and encourage the County to do the same. He was in favor of all four options.

Chair Mendall suggested to do option number one right away in support of State level efforts, and to encourage Stopwaste to only allow reusable or compostable straws and utensils. Chair Mendall expressed a desire for the City to move forward with its own ordinance unless Stopwaste moves forward with a County-wide ordinance banning single use plastics in the next twelve months. Chair Mendall noted he feels strongly that Hayward should lead by example and encourage other jurisdictions to follow.

Chair Mendall requested staff to follow-up with an estimated timeline, or a follow-up conversation with him at a later time.

4. Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project Update

Management Analyst Alicia Sargiotto provided an update of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

The Committee and staff discussed the status of the AMI project, changes in customer water usage since the end of the drought, and development of the customer portal. Staff reported that lean innovation techniques are being used to collect information on customer water use practices and the features customers would like included in the customer portal. Staff will report back to the Committee with any significant updates to the project.

5. Update on City's Efforts to Reduce Litter from Disposable Food Packaging

Item pulled and will be placed on a future CIC meeting agenda.

6. Sustainable Groundwater Management: Cooperating Agreement with East Bay Municipal Utility District to Jointly Develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the East Bay Plain Subbasin

Water Resources Manager Jan Lee provided an update and recommendation regarding the sustainable groundwater management cooperating agreement with East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD).

Discussion ensued regarding cost share, grant funding, and the scope of work. The Committee was in favor of a cooperative agreement with EBMUD and recommended that staff take the necessary actions to bring a resolution to the City Council. The Committee also commended staff and EBMUD for securing grant funding for the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the East Bay Plain Subbasin.

7. California Youth Energy Services - 2017 Results

Sustainability Specialist Carol Lee provided an overview of the program, presented the 2017 results, and discussed enhancements to the 2018 program.

The Committee was in favor of the City's participation in the California Youth Energy Services (CYES) 2018 program, and the use of grant funding to enhance the program in order to reach more residents and youth in the Tennyson Corridor.

8. Proposed 2018 Agenda Planning Calendar

Director Ameri reviewed the upcoming tentative agenda items.

Chair Mendall was pleased to see greenhouse gas reduction goals and the electrification of homes on the schedule, and noted that an update to the ZNE Goal could be postponed from the May agenda if necessary.

The Committee agreed that a discussion regarding Tiny Homes would be appropriate, but requested that bike/car sharing not return to the Committee unless there is significant progress or change.

Chair Mendall ended the meeting by acknowledging staff and the City Council for taking action to make Hayward truly cleaner and greener by making carbon-free Brilliant 100 the default electricity product in Hayward.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 p.m.

| Attendance | Present 03/12/18 Meeting | MEETINGS | | |
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| Elisa Márquez | | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Al Mendall* | ✓ | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Francisco Zermeño | ✓ | 2 | 0 | 0 |

✓ = Present O = absent X = excused

* Chair