

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

January 9, 2017
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chair Al Mendall.

ROLL CALL:

Members

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

Staff:

- Maria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager
- Morad Fakhrai, Director of Public Works
- David Rizk, Director of Developmental Services
- Stacey Bristow, Deputy Director of Development Services
- Jan Lee, Water Resources Manager
- Erik Pearson, Environmental Services Manager
- Fred Kelley, Transportation Manager
- Jeff Krump, Solid Waste Program Manager
- Jeremy Lochirco, Principal Planner
- Damon Golubics, Senior Planner
- Marcus Martinez, Assistant Planner
- Alicia Sargiotto, Management Analyst
- Mary Thomas, Management Analyst
- Jennifer Yee, Sustainability Technician
- Christopher Sturken, CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow
- Robert Goldassio, Senior Secretary
- Carol Lee, Administrative Secretary (Recorder)

Others:

- Gillian Corral, Former CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow
- Jillian Buckholz, Director of Sustainability, CSUEB
- Lonny Brooks, Assistant Professor of Communications, CSUEB
- Angie Mercado, California State University East Bay (CSUEB) Student
- Logan Key, CSUEB Student
- Rebecca Esparza, CSUEB Student

- Kelly Jackson, Solar City
- Rebecca Marston, Solar City
- Steven Dunbar, Hayward Resident
- Shova Ale Magar, Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC)
- Justin Valenzuela, WMAC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Kelly Jackson, Solar City, described the benefits of solar photovoltaic systems and offered to meet with anyone who has questions.

For the record, Ms. Wynn Grich, who was not able to attend the meeting, requested that staff distribute documents related to Wi-Fi Radiation. Copies were provided to Committee Members.

1. Approval of Minutes of Council Sustainability Meeting on November 14, 2016.

The Committee approved the minutes of the Council Sustainability Committee meeting of November 14, 2016.

2. Downtown Specific Plan – Sustainability Discussion

Damon Galoubics, Senior Planner, presented the report and sought the Committee's input for a sustainable Downtown.

The Committee identified items such as: increasing street lighting, adding solar to municipal parking lots to offset cost of additional street lights, pedestrian and bike safety, making the roads feel safer, improving the loop, adding more electric vehicle charge stations, bike share, car share, the possibility of an in-town shuttle, adding trees and enhancing requirements for commercial frontages, increasing public art, increasing the number of waste receptacles and more frequent service, adding green business certification incentives, and attracting commercial businesses to the downtown.

Discussion ensued among Committee members and City staff regarding potential changes to the loop, the City's preparedness for the development of taller buildings, insufficient office space downtown, options for additional parking on Main Street, Mission Blvd., and Foothill Blvd., addressing the various parking demands on different days of the week and at different times of day, insufficient parking downtown, and other parking related issues.

With respect to potential changes to the downtown loop, Chair Mendall requested that staff provide the City Council with options, including the positive and negative outcomes that may result from such changes.

3. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA): Options for the Formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under SGMA

Water Resources Manager Jan Lee presented the report. Staff recommended that the City of Hayward become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the portion of the East Bay Groundwater Plain that underlies the City, and work in collaboration with East Bay Municipal Utility District to jointly prepare a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the East Bay Plain Basin

In response to a question from the Committee, staff explained that Alameda County Water District is designated in state legislation as the exclusive local agency to manage groundwater in the Niles Cone Basin, which means that no other local agency can file to be a GSA for this basin.

It was moved by Council Member Zermeño, seconded by Council Member Márquez, and carried unanimously, to bring the proposed recommendation to City Council.

4. Compact of Mayors

Environmental Services Manager Erik Pearson introduced CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow Christopher Sturken, who presented the report. Staff recommended bringing the item to the City Council to authorize Mayor Halliday to sign and submit a letter to join the Compact of Mayors.

It was moved by Council Member Márquez, seconded by Council Member Zermeño, and carried unanimously, to bring the proposed recommendation to City Council.

5. Drinking Water Quality Update

Water Resources Manager Jan Lee presented the report, and requested direction from the Committee regarding lead testing in schools.

The Committee requested that staff be proactive in contacting schools regarding lead testing. Furthermore, the Committee requested that staff return to the Committee with an update and plan of action.

Chair Mendall suggested that staff contact CSUEB and Chabot College, and depending on the cost, partner with them to do lead testing at their campuses. The Committee further requested that the item be brought back to the Committee should cost concerns arise.

6. Overview of Regional Energy Efficiency Programs: Energy Council, EBEW, and BayRen

Environmental Services Manager Erik Pearson presented the report.

Discussion ensued among Committee members and City staff regarding maintaining current services, investigating which organizations oversee the various energy efficiency programs, and considering how to manage the various programs most effectively once East Bay Community Energy is fully established.

7. Semi-Annual Update on City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs

Solid Waste Program Manager Jeff Krump presented the report.

Committee members and City staff discussed the ongoing issue of illegal dumping, Waste Management's performance of the terms set forth in the Franchise Agreement, continued efforts to educate and promote the separation of organics, and upcoming compost give-away events.

The Committee requested that staff collaborate with Maintenance Services staff to prepare a report on illegal dumping in the City, that includes analyzed data of related Access Hayward requests.

8. Statistics on Property Assessed Clean Energy Projects

Management Analyst Mary Thomas noted that the item was an informational report, and that staff was available to answer any questions.

The Committee was pleased and commented that the metrics displayed on the website were well done.

9. CivicSpark Presentation

Former CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow Gilee Corral presented an overview of the accomplishments made during her fellowship with the City.

The Committee commended Gilee for her achievements in supporting the implementation of the Climate Action Plan, the work she had done on the greenhouse gas inventories, and the various other projects to which she contributed.

10. 2017 Agenda Topics

The Committee requested that staff address the issues of bike share and illegal dumping in March. Furthermore, the Committee requested that staff provide an update on PAYS with 2017 data, later in the year.

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:28 p.m.

| Attendance | Present 01/09/17 Meeting | MEETINGS | | |
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| | | Present to Date This Fiscal Year | Excused to Date This Fiscal Year | Absent to Date This Fiscal Year |
| Elisa Márquez | ✓ | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Al Mendall* | ✓ | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Francisco Zermeño | ✓ | 4 | 0 | 0 |

✓ = Present O = absent X = excused

* Chair