

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLEASANTON
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
February 27, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Energy and Environment was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members: Chair Thomas Kato, Sophia Holbrook, Steve Motzko, Robert Jayson, Brett Illers and Howard Royer

Absent: None

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Opening remarks by Chair, Thomas Kato.
2. The January 23, 2013 meeting minutes were approved with one change on item 6. Change the word from "plan" to "present", *by Motzco, seconded by Illers. All were in favor.*
3. Committee terms limits and renewal recommendation:
In September 2, 2008 the City Council approved a resolution (#08-234) that established the Committee on Energy and the Environment. In this resolution, committee members' terms are set at two years, not to exceed two consecutive two-year terms. With that said, Chairman Thomas Kato and Vice-Chairman Howard Royer's term will be coming to an end at the end of April 2012.

Staff requested that the committee consider its stated duties and responsibilities and determine whether to dissolve the ad hoc committee or continue its mission. The committee indicated that it found value in continuing its mission and recruiting for the present and planned vacancies. The committee will also determine the frequency of meetings (monthly, every other month, quarterly, etc.). Any change in schedule will not hinder the committee's ability to schedule special workshops as necessary.

The Committee will draft a recommendation and present it to staff at the next meeting.

4. Committee recommendation on polystyrene ban:
Laura shared that a focus group was convened to provide input and evaluate the feasibility of a proposed ordinance that prohibits the use of polystyrene foodservice ware. The focus group included representatives from the Energy and Environment Committee, the Economic Vitality Committee, Hacienda Business Park, Kaiser Permanente, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, Pleasanton Downtown Association and other members at large. The group provided valuable input and unanimously supported the ban.
Daniel added that this ban also helps the City comply with its municipal storm water permit and short-term trash load reduction plan. It is also complementary to the City's zero waste goals.

The committee moved to support the proposed ordinance to ban the use of polystyrene foodservice ware. *It was approved by Motzko, seconded by Jayson. All were in favor.*

5. Committee focus areas for 2013: CAP Implementation and Water Use/Reuse:
 - a. Determine specific objectives / deliverables.
 - b. Identify committee lead(s), tasks, and timeline for each item.

Laura shared the results of ICLEI's 2010 greenhouse gas emissions inventory report. The results show that the City has made tremendous progress from its 2005 baseline year. The methods used to calculate the emissions has changed from the baseline year (mostly in the transportation area), but in general we are moving the needle in the right direction. Several departments are responsible for the positive results. It's also important to note that the state measures, for which cities can take credit, are not included in this analysis, and those results will move us even closer to our 2020 reduction goal.

The committee was asked to review the report and forward any comments to Laura by March 13. Laura and Daniel will continue to vet the data and get the committee's recommendations before presenting the report to City Council.

6. Outreach update (Laura Ryan):

Thursday, February 28th, the City will host an Energy Forum to discuss the Energy Upgrade California program and available rebates and incentives at 7:00 p.m. at the City's Operations Services Center.

The City will host a free community recycling event on Saturday, April 13th, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Operations Services Center. Vendors will collect paper (for on-site shredding), e-waste, batteries, fluorescent lights, textiles, prescription and over-the-counter drugs (no sharps) for proper recycling or disposal, as well as reusable household items (small appliances and kitchen items, lamps, clothing for women and children, etc.) for Shepard's Gate.

Once again, the City has partnered with California Youth Energy Services (CYES) to provide residents with free green house calls. CYES teams will provide and install high efficiency shower heads, light bulbs, faucet aerators, power strips, retractable clothes lines, and more. CYES will book appointments from July 1 through August 8.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Motzko attended the East Pleasanton Specific Plan meeting where adjustments were made to the membership. Next meeting is March 7, 2013.

MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

None

REPORTS ON CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Illers discussed a location where urban agriculture and organic farming are taking place. He asked the committee if the City has looked into this in the past. He said it's an interesting program.

Sophia will be in Ecuador during our next committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Motion by Jayson, seconded by Motzco. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Lozano