

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLEASANTON
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
April 24, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Energy and Environment was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Steve Motzko, Robert Jayson, Sophia Holbrook, Thomas Kato and Howard Royer

Absent: Brett Illers

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: Move item #4 (Elections of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair) after item #6 (Energy Upgrade Pleasanton).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Opening remarks by Chair, Thomas Kato
2. The March 27, 2013 meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Motzko, seconded by Jayson. All were in favor.
3. Committee Renewal Status and Meeting Frequency:
Daniel Smith stated that City Council approved the committee's recommendation to meet on a bi-monthly basis and to extend the committee's term for an additional two years. He also noted that the group would remain a committee and would not be changed to a commission.

The next meeting of the Energy and The Environment committee will be on June 26, 2013. The December meeting may take place a week or two earlier to allow for the holidays.

With Thomas Kato and Howard Royer reaching their term limits after this meeting, we have three committee vacancies. In order to have a quorum, we will need a minimum of 4 members present at each meeting.

4. Elections for Committee Chair and Vice-Chair:
After a short discussion the committee elected its new Chair and Vice-Chair.

The committee took a vote and nominated Steve Motzko for Chair and Sophia Hollbrook as Vice-Chair. All were in favor.

5. Revised GHG Inventory (Laura Ryan):
Laura reviewed the 2010 GHG inventory results and compared them with the City's 2005 baseline numbers. ICLEI had performed the inventory, but the committee and staff had little confidence in the results, so the City hired ESA to review and update the results. ESA is the same firm that developed the City's Climate Action Plan.

In most categories, emissions are down; however, natural gas use is up for both residential and commercial sectors. New methodologies and more detailed information is now available, so our baseline has been adjusted, and more emissions have been identified, so emission reductions do not appear to be as great as expected. The waste

sector had the most dramatic results: a 46% decrease in emissions. Overall, emissions have been reduced by 2.9%.

Our 2015 inventory will show significant emission reductions because of the programs we've implemented since 2010.

Now that we have this data, we can provide our annual CAP status report to Council. The Committee already has reviewed the draft report, and supported staff preparing and submitting the report to Council with the updated numbers.

6. Energy Upgrade Pleasanton Program Statistics (Laura Ryan):

Laura stated that 75 households participated in the EUP – Energy Efficiency program, compared to 7 households who participated in the Energy Upgrade California program, administered by StopWaste.org. Additionally, 176 households and 3 businesses participated in the City's solar rebate program. In total, the participants of the EUP program reduced green house gas emissions by 1,215 metric tons. The one-time cost to the City for these reductions was \$324/MT for energy efficiency and \$173/MT for solar.

7. Recognition of Departing Committee Members:

Howard Royer shared that he enjoyed serving on the committee, particularly his involvement in the planning process and working on the Climate Action Plan. He thought these were of great value and the highlight of his term on the committee. Thomas Kato echoed Royer's sentiments and added that his opportunity to be part of this committee has been fantastic. He stated that it opened his eyes to all of the actions the City has taken, and expressed that the City does so much more than what the public sees. He is proud to be part of this committee and city, and believes that there is a lot of work ahead for the committee. He told his colleagues that he's always here to help.

Daniel presented both committee members with a plaque. He told them that he enjoyed working with them both and thanked them for all they've contributed to the committee.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Motzko updated the committee on the East Pleasanton Specific Plan, and expressed his concerns that water infrastructure issues have still not been addressed. Four proposals, based on streets in different directions, have yet to be approved. The last meeting had committee working on pros and cons of different models. For those interested, visit the website for documents and information.

MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Kato shared that former Energy Committee Chair, Mark Posson, is now on the City's Planning Commission, and had contacted him and asked him to raise an issue with the committee. There is a project being proposed for the Rosewood area. This proposal would take an existing parking area, on the south side of the block, and develop it into a retail / multi-use residential area. Currently, the City requires new developments to pre-wire for solar, however, developers are not required to install solar panels. Posson wants the City to implement more stringent building codes that would require actual installation of solar panels. Discussion arose concerning the financial impact to developers (if they can't afford to meet building codes in Pleasanton, they'll go elsewhere), and a methodical approach to addressing more aggressive building codes. Kato recommended that the committee look further into this issue.

Daniel shared that our CAP is aggressive and is specific about where we want to go, but it is not “all or nothing” – we need to gradually make changes. Developers making a project “solar ready” is great, but we need to take it a step further.

Some thoughts surfaced:

- A larger issue could be the load capacity of the roof
- Economic Development issues need to be addressed
- Perhaps the City can incentivize the builder to handle solar installation
- We need to get involved, but also be careful how we navigate this

REPORTS ON CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Royer, seconded by Motzko. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Lozano