

**MINUTES of the  
SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
(Continuation of the Regular Meeting of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Adjourned for Lack of a Quorum)  
6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA  
Thursday, April 17th, 2008**

Chairperson: Rich Fortmann

Secretary: Bill Ring

Commissioners: Rich Fortmann, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus, Brett Van Emst,  
Ken Kurtzig, Sue Currier

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm

2. Roll Call:

Present: Ring, Fortmann, Towers, Gergus, Currier

Absent: Faber, Van Emst, Kurtzig

City Council: Jonathan Leone, Mike Kelley

BCRS Greg Christie - Absent

Visitors Alix Spivach, Catherine Carpenter

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the March 6th meeting.

5. Sausalito City Council Update

The proposed Community Choice Aggregation of electric power for Marin County will be on the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Agenda of the Council. M/S/P plans to have Fortmann present the position paper he prepared as the position of the Commission. The possibility for a special meeting on CCA was discussed without action. If the CCA issue is to be considered during the November election, it must be submitted by August.

6. Bay Cities Refuse Services - None

7. Public Comment - None

8. Unfinished Business

A. Business Sustainability. – This was tabled to the next meeting

B. Sewer Lateral Inspections – Currier attended the SMCS D Meeting. Considerable discussion ensued on the situation and the need for action by all parties. At the present time, there seems to be little that the Commission can do to contribute to this issue beyond encouraging the City to more effectively enforce the building permit/property transfer requirement for a lateral inspection. There will be a meeting of the City and SMCS D on Monday April 21 to discuss the current situation. This item will continue on the Commission's agenda for the foreseeable future because of its importance.

C. Solar Panels for City Hall –The RfP for installation of solar panels on the roof of City Hall and other municipal buildings has been published.

D. Website update – E-Mail List – Elephant Pharm offer – This was tabled to the next

meeting

E. Sustainability of the new Safety Buildings and LEED certification – Contrary to earlier newspaper reports, the councilpersons assured us that LEED certification is still a requirement for the new safety building.

F. CCA - See above.

9. New Business - All new business was tabled to the next meeting.

A. BCRS contract terms

B. Green Building Ordinance discussion

C. A new vision statement for the Commission

D. Follow up on \$5,000 windfall

E. Budget Report from BCRS

F. Organic Waste Processing

G. Zero Waste Resolution in Sausalito

H. CFL, dentist amalgam, and other hazardous waste disposal

I. Yearly Calendar

J. ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) (Revitalize?)

K. Website

10. Agenda for Next Month

11. Adjournment

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**MINUTES of the  
SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**Thursday, May 1, 2008**

Chairperson: Dane Faber

Secretary: Bill Ring

Commissioners: Rich Fortmann, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus, Brett Van Emst,  
Ken Kurtzig, Sue Currier

1. The Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm
2. Roll Call:
  - Present: Dane Faber, Bill Ring, Rich Fortmann, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus
  - Absent: Brett Van Emst, Ken Kurtzig, Sue Currier
  - City Council: Jonathan Leone
  - BCRS: Greg Cristie - Absent
  - Visitor: Alix Spivach
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes of the April Meeting – This was tabled to the June Meeting.
5. Sausalito City Council Update – We discussed several matters including CCA, the Safety Building and the sewer system. (See the discussions below.) We also discussed the qualifications for being a Commissioner. Ring will investigate.
6. Bay Cities Refuse Services - BCRS representative not present. Towers will contact BCRS re a number of items.
7. Public Comment. - None
8. Unfinished Business
  - A. Business Sustainability – This issue was tabled to the June meeting
  - B. CCA Update – There was a presentation on April 22 which included representatives from the San Joaquin district, who stated that they are very satisfied with their district so far. Councilman Leone pointed out that while the Commission is on record favoring CCA, the Commission's main responsibility was outreach and education for the Sausalito community. The Commission also noted the efforts of PG&E to introduce a green power tariff. Fortmann and Faber, with help from Ms. Alix Spivach, have taken on the responsibility for the education and outreach program.
  - C. Solar Panels for City Hall – The RfP has been released. There has been a lot of interest from several contractors. The possibility of extending the contract to cover the Safety Building and MLK is also of interest to the potential contractors. The proposals will be evaluated in June for a decision by the July 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting.
  - D. Several options for keeping up/revising the website were discussed. Ring will review the current status and submit a list of out of date information to Dane. One of the Commissioners or a City employee will be designated to make the updates and

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changes.

- E. Sustainability of the new Safety Building and LEED certification - Progress will be reported in a presentation in June.
- F. Sewer Lateral Inspections – There was a discussion of methods for enforcing the sewer lateral inspection rule and to publicize the SMCSO offer of up to \$500 as a half-share to residents who repair their laterals after an inspection reveals that the repairs are needed. The EPA has given the City and SMCSO a deadline for a short and long term plan to correct our problems. The EPA also will require that the laterals problems be solved by 2013. The proposed solution--a large holding tank in MLK Park--may face problems, as the park will not be totally owned by the City until 2012. The Commission clearly has the responsibility to contribute to this problem, but we should wait for direction from the City Council.

#### 9. New Business

- A. Follow up on \$5000 windfall - Faber will investigate.
- B. Yearly Calendar – Ring will prepare a draft.
- C. Budget – This was tabled for lack of a BCRS representative.
- D. Green Building Ordinance – This was also tabled.– It appears that PG&E will check buildings for inefficient heating/cooling. Ring will investigate.
- E. Organic Waste Processing – Towers will contact BCRS on this issue.
- F. Zero Waste Resolution – This issue was tabled also.
- G. CFL and Dental disposal - Towers will contact BCRS on this issue.
- H. New Vision Statement – The Commission tabled this issue.
- I. ICLEI – Ring will investigate.

#### 10. Agenda for Next Month

#### 11. Adjournment