

**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 Ring will review the current status and submit a list of out of date information to Dane.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 SMCSD 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 SMCSD 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