

**DRAFT Minutes of the  
SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
for  
Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Chairperson: Dane Faber**

**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: Dane Faber, Bill Ring, Rich Fortmann, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus, Brett Van Emst, Sue Currier

Absent: Ken Kurtzig

City Council: Jonathan Leone

Visitors: None

3. Agenda: The agenda was approved as published

4. Minutes: The minutes of the April and May meetings were amended and approved.

5. Sausalito City Council Update:

Councilman Leone noted that the Council meeting on June 10th would be a difficult one, as many worthy projects would not be supported with funds or staff time. This would impact the solar panels project, as staff time would be needed for the analysis and negotiation of a contract. Leone noted that we could lobby for reinstatement of the project at the June 10th meeting. Several members indicated an interest in doing this.

6. Bay Cities Refuse Services:

A BCRS representative was not present but BCRS did provide the Commission with a list of businesses that do and do not recycle. Towers was tasked to ask BCRS if the list could be used to contact the businesses, which do not recycle. With respect to hazardous waste, BCRS gave us a list of hazardous waste facilities in the county. BCRS noted that green kitchen waste is becoming an issue that they could address in the future. For now, vegetable matter could be put into the greencycle. The Commission agreed that more discussion with BCRS would be needed on these issues.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Unfinished Business

A. Business Sustainability: Van Emst and Towers will look into publishing flyers to insert into the BCRS bills.

B. CCA (Marin Clean Energy): The City is looking into its response to the County relative to joining the CCA program. The Commission is on record as favoring it but, as requested by Councilman Leone, plans to emphasize outreach to the city so that citizens can make an informed decision on CCA should it be offered. It was noted that PG&E has apparently changed its policy on CCA. In meetings with the County and various cities, it asserts that green power will be more expensive than it's required 20% mix. This is contradicted by San Joaquin's experience. It was also noted that many green power providers are about to come to the end of their contracts. It is unknown if their renewal quotes will be similar to their current rates since there is or will be a large demand for green power.

C. Solar panels: There were five responses to the RfP. The evaluation indicated that the Solar City's proposal was the best. Their proposal involves implementing the recent recommendations from the energy audit conducted by Small Business Energy Alliance for PG&E and installing time-of-day and net metering. Inasmuch as the payback time for the energy modifications was calculated to be on the order of 1/10 year, it is believed that the City will rapidly make the required modifications to its energy use. Solar City proposes to install enough solar collectors to support 80% of the load (net) in the summer. The rates it quotes will cost the City an estimated \$400 in the first year and there will be a 4% escalation in the rates.

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It was noted that there has been a 7% rate escalation in recent years by PG&E. If these increases continue, the City can expect to be making money on energy shortly. Since the proposal of Commissioner Kurtzig would largely duplicate the existing energy audit, no action was taken on his proposal. M/S/P The Secretary will send a letter to Supervisor McGlashan indicating our support for Clean Energy Marin and that the Commission hopes the final system will provide for the possibility that individual and corporate customers like the City can to be net sellers of green power to Clean Energy Marin.

- D. Website: Faber indicated that a draft of a new website has been constructed. Faber will e-mail the web address to the Commissioners and any interested party to view it. Faber will contact the City to determine how to link-in the new site when it is fully operational.
- E. New Safety Building: Nothing to report. The City remains committed to LEED.
- F. Sewer Lateral Inspection: Fortmann will invite the City to meet with the Commission at a time convenient to the City to inform the Commission about progress and enforcement of the new sewer lateral policy. Apparently, the database needed to monitor progress does not exist. Several Commissioners indicated that an easily accessible database should be initiated.

9. New Business:

- A. Follow up on the \$5000 windfall. – Tabled until the next meeting.
- B. Yearly calendar – Tabled until the next meeting except that Ring was detailed to be the Wizard for the 4th of July parade. He will contact BCRS to arrange for stickers and handout materials.
- C. Budget – Tabled to the next meeting.
- D. Green Building Ordinance. Tabled to the next meeting.
- E. Organic Waste Processing – See item 6. above.
- F. Zero Waste Resolution – Tabled to the next meeting.
- G. CFL and Dental Disposal – See item 6. above.
- H. New Vision Statement – Tabled to the next meeting.
- I. PG&E Building Survey – See item 8. C. above.
- J. ICLEI – It appears that no data remains accessible. M/S/P to close.

10. Agenda for Next Month

Consider sending a representative to the Marinship Development Committee.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45.