

SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA
Thursday, August 7, 2008, Draft Minutes

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- 1) Always address the Chair;
- 2) (Optional) State his/her name;
- 3) State views succinctly; and
- 4) Limit presentations to three (3) minutes.

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Chairperson: Dane Faber ,Y

Secretary: Bill Ring, N

Members: Rich Fortmann ,Y, Monica Towers ,Y, Ray Gergus, N, Brett Van Emst ,Y, Ken Kurtzig ,Y, Sue Currier ,Y

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. Roll Call --Y's present, N's absent
3. Approved minutes of the July meeting.
4. Sausalito City Council Update. -- City Councilman Jonathan Leone gave us a sewer system update and said the city needs to decide how to proceed with an order from the EPA. Jonathan also let us know that the demolition has nearly finished on the site for the Safety Buildings and bids will happen in September, with construction starting in October.
5. Bay Cities Refuse -No update
6. Public Comment.-- We recognized Sunshine Cleaners as the Green Business recipient of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: *This is the time for the Commission to hear from citizens regarding matters that are **not** on the agenda. Comments on matters that are **on** the agenda shall be made at the time the Commission considers those matters. Except in very limited situations, state law precludes the Commission from taking action on or engaging in discussions concerning items of business that are not on the agenda. However, the Commissioners may refer matters not on the agenda to be put on the agenda for a future meeting. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes each.*

7. Unfinished Business.

A. Zero Waste Discussion....David Haskell, a municipal industry leader in San Rafael, and Kiki La Porta, came and gave us a presentation on the basics of Zero Waste.

Zero Waste suggests that the entire concept of waste should be eliminated. Instead, waste should be thought of as a "residual product" or simply a "potential resource" to counter our basic

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acceptance of waste as a normal course of events. Opportunities such as reduced costs, increased profits, and reduced environmental impacts are found when returning these "residual products" or "resources" as food to either natural and industrial systems. This may involve redesigning both products and processes in order to eliminate hazardous properties that make them unusable and unmanageable in quantities that overburden both industry and the environment.

Zero Waste strategies consider the entire **life-cycle** of our products, processes and systems in the context of a comprehensive **systems understanding** of our interactions with nature and search for inefficiencies at all stages. With this understanding, wastes can be prevented through designs based on full life-cycle thinking. Indeed, we should work to "design" our wastes, if any, so that they have future applications.

By finding a new dynamic of incentives for how we pay for waste (instead of paying for landfill and for waste haulers) we can encourage consumers to reduce or eliminate waste. Europe is far ahead of the US and the entire concept of zero waste originated in New Zealand and Australia where options for how waste is handled are fewer and where a strong incentive already existed as imposed by island realities.

By working with our present waste hauler and adding services and restructuring their pricing, we can achieve some degree of zero waste in Sausalito.

B. Budget . Tabled to the next meeting

C. Green Building Ordinance. Tabled to the next meeting

D. Progress Reports

a. Outreach.--Bill Cope & Chris Gallagher, managers of the Bay Model are running a "How to Green Your Business " seminar on Sept 11th, 5-7 pm at the Bay Model

b. Website -- Brett and Sue will try and meet with Debbie Pagliaro to work out a process to get our newsletter and updates posted on the city website.

c. Solar Panels — Solar City, the company who are installing solar power on City Hall, will be at the Bay Model on September 6th 5-7pm to talk to residents, about adding solar panels. Dane will get this information to the IJ and the Marin Scope, and Sue will get it placed on the city calendar and in the loop.

d. Safety Building – Brief update from City Councilman Leone above

e. Sewer Laterals – Brief update from Councilman Leone.

E. Vision Statement. Tabled to the next meeting

8. New Business

A. No Bottled Water Policy Tabled to the next meeting

B Composting Tabled to the next meeting

9. Next Month's Agenda..see new business

10. Adjournment at 8.00

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