

## SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA  
Thursday, October 2, 2008

**Chairperson:** Dane Faber

**Secretary:** Bill Ring

**Members:** Rich Fortmann, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus, Ken Kurtzig, and Sue Currier

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. Roll Call:
  - Present: Dane Faber, Bill Ring, Rich Fortmann, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus, and Sue Courier
  - Absent: Ken Kurtzig
  - Visitor: Patty Swisshelm
3. Approval of the Agenda:
4. Approval of the Minutes: M/S/P to approve the minutes of the September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings as amended.
5. Sausalito City Council Update: Commissioner Van Emst has submitted a letter of resignation because he anticipates that he will no longer qualify for the Commission.
6. Bay Cities Refuse Services: M/S/P Commissioner Towers to contact BCRS discuss collection of compostables, milk cartons, and hazardous waste.
7. Public Comment: The Commission welcomed the visitor, Patty Swisshelm, and encouraged her to apply for a position on the Commission.
8. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Budget - Tabled
  - B. Green Building Ordinance – M/S/P to amend the letter drafted by Commissioner Faber suggesting a plan for drafting a Green Building Ordinance. Commissioner Faber will send the letter as amended to the Planning Commission for the purposes of initiating a discussion with the Planning Commission.
  - C. Outreach – M/S/P to distribute door hangers recommending that residents investigate installing solar power using the special rates offered by Solar City as a part of its solar power contract with the City. Commissioners Faber and Fortmann will identify areas of the city where solar power is most likely to be economical and assign them to Commissioners for distribution of the door hangers.
  - D. Website – Commissioner Ring announced that he is able to modify text on the website and has made some initial updates. Commissioners Currier and Ring will continue their efforts at finding ways to facilitate updating our newsletter there and to put in linkages for better navigation.
  - E. Solar Panels – Nothing to report. See item 8.C. above.

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- F. Safety Building – Nothing to report. It is expected that the new, lower bids for the safety Building will make achieving a high LEED score easier.
- G. Sewer Laterals – A draft response to the EPA has been developed but all participants have not “signed off”. The sign off is expected shortly. The Commission will publicize Sanitary District offer to pay 50%, up to \$1000, of the cost to repair a lateral discovered to be defective. The owner must pay for the initial video inspection.
- H. Mission/Vision Statement – M/S/P to amend and send the draft of our new mission statement to the City.
- I. No-Bottled Water Ordinance – No progress. Commissioners agreed to research other jurisdictions and, in particular, Marin County for approved ordinances as a model for our recommendation to the City.

9. New Business:

- A. Halloween – M/S/P to participate in the annual Halloween parade and party. Commissioners Faber and Ring will be the Wizards. Commissioner Ring will arrange with BCRS to print handouts and to purchase stickers for waste containers to be given away at the festivities.
- B. Recycling Milk and Similar Containers – See item 6. above.

10. Agenda for Next Month – No new items.

11. Adjournment at 7:20 pm.

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## SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA  
Thursday, November 6, 2008

**Chairperson:** Dane Faber

**Secretary:** Bill Ring

**Members:** Rich Fortmann, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus, Ken Kurtzig,  
Sue Currier, Alix Spivack

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Dane Faber, Bill Ring, Rich Fortmann, Monica Towers, Sue Courier, Alix Spivack

Absent: Ray Gergus, Ken Kurtzig

City: Jonathan Leone, Council Member and Adam Politzer, City Manager

Visitor: Patty Swisshelm

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the October meeting.

5. Sausalito City Council Update:

A. Resigned/Unqualified members – Brett Van Emst and Abe Christensen have been taken off the Commission. The Commission welcomed Alix Spivack to the Commission.

B. Marin Clean Energy - The City Council will consider joining the Marin Energy Authority, MEA, at the Nov 16th meeting. MEA is to be the name of the joint powers authority formed to implement the Community Choice Aggregation, CCA, program in Marin County developed by the Marin Clean Energy organization. At issue is the decision to join MEA in time to participate in its formation, which although not certain, is certainly likely. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

The County is funding most of the activities associated with the formation of MEA including some support for Sausalito, which has been used to study its impact on the residents of Sausalito. If all goes well, MEA will be officially formed in early 2009 and be functioning later that year.

In addition to the funded consultation, Commissioner Fortmann has been helping the City in drafting a staff report on MEA. City Manager Politzer indicated that the City is pleased with his work and commended him for his willingness to contribute to this effort.

M/S/P to notify the City Council that the Commission reaffirms its support for joining MEA. If the City Council decides to join MEA, the Commission wishes to be a major resource for the Council by studying the details of the program as it develops and by providing a qualified member, alternate or designated representative to the MEA.

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C. Green Building Ordinance – The City Planning Department and Planning Commission are studying our submittal. Council Member Leone suggested that the Commission invite representatives from cities that have already passed green building ordinances or from the county to discuss their experiences and recommendations.

D. Council Member Leone suggested that Jonathan Goldman, newly hired to the Planning Department, be invited to meet with the Commission.

6. Bay Cities Refuse Services

Commissioner Towers indicated that BCRS will now accept milk cartons for recycling. However, there is some confusion as to which types of milk cartons. The sealed non-refrigerated or the wax-coated. In any event, residents can put them in the recycle stream for final determination by the resource recovery facility. BCRS would like to discuss hazardous waste with the Commission when he next attends.

7. Public Comment. - None

8. Unfinished Business

A. BCRS – Commissioner Towers reported on a conversation she had with Greg Christie. She reported that BCRS believes that a permit for hauling compostables is not difficult to obtain. However, there is no place to take compostables in Marin or Contra Costa Counties at this time.

B. Budget – M/S/P to ask the City to pay for the Business of the Year award from our grant and to ask BCRS to use bottle-bill money to pay for the solar panes door hangers and cleaning the Wizard costume. All other action was tabled.

C. Outreach – All the door hangers were distributed. Commissioner Fortmann will ask Solar City if there were any inquiries as a result. If there have been, the Commission will likely want to continue to cover the entire city.

D. Website – Commissioner Ring indicated that he could now modify text on the website and that he hoped to expand his capability to include links in the coming month.

E. Solar Panels on City Hall – There has been a problem with the manufacturer, which is delaying the installation. M/S/P to ask the City Council to waive the street repair fees normally associated with construction and remodel project for solar panel installation. This would be in accordance with already established City policy to encourage solar panel installations by lowering fees and fast-tracking applications. Commissioner Faber will communicate with the Council.

F. Safety Building – M/S/P to delete this as an active project of the Commission.

G. Sewer Laterals – The River Watch suit has been settled with the City. The result will be more funding for the inspection and repair of laterals. It is possible that the Marin Real Estate Association might make a contribution as well.

H. No Bottled Water Ordinance – Tabled

I. Halloween Review - Tabled

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

A. ICLEI – M/S/P to restore monitoring this program. Commissioners Kurtzig, Ring, and possibly Fortmann will be involved.

B. Green Expo – M/S/P to make this a program of the Commission.

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10. Agenda for Next Month

A. Noise Ordinance

11. Adjournment at 8:10 pm.

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