

**Minutes of the
SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA
Thursday, March 4th, 2009**

1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm. Acting Chair Sue Carrier.
2. Roll Call:
Present: Bill Ring, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus,
Sue Carrier, Alix Spivack
Absent: Ken Kurtzig
BCRS: Greg Cristie
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Election of Chair – Ray Gergus elected unanimously, but Gergus was not present.
5. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the February meeting.
6. Sausalito City Council Update
 - A. Meeting date – M/S/P to have the Chair confer with Mayor Leone to reset the monthly meeting date as suggested by the mayor.
 - B. The Commission discussed the status of the ICLEI program in light of the assignment of Lilly Schinsing. Ring will coordinate with her and the ICLEI coordinator for the Bay Area.
 - C. Quarterly Council Presentation. M/S/P to skip this item considering the resignation of the previous chair.
 - D. M/S/P to respond to the memorandum by the Director of Public Works on Sewer Rates. The Commissioners agreed to review the memorandum and provide the Chair with any additional comments they might have by March 19th. There being none, the Chair sent a letter to the City Council indicating that it does not believe it is within its purview to comment on rates. The Commission is concerned, however, that the City does what is necessary to fix defective laterals and mains and to work with the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District as it deals with spills and maintenance issues.
 - E. M/S/P to send an observer to the Marin Energy Authority meetings as suggested by Mayor Leone. Ring was appointed to be the observer.
6. Bay Cities Refuse Services
 - A. Discussion on flyers and how to prepare them for distribution in the next waste bill. Towers will continue to coordinate with BCRS and Kim Huff. (Ms. Huff is a former commissioner and is believed to be willing to help.) Ring will take pictures and prepare the images for publication should any be needed.
 - B. Ring has passed web references to BCRS on the food-to-energy program at the Central Marin Sanitary District.
 - C. Electronic Waste – M/S/P to drop this topic as the Chamber of Commerce still collects electronic waste. However, the Commission will make electronic waste disposal at the Chamber a subject of the Commission's outreach.

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7. Public Comment. – None

8. Unfinished Business

- A. Sewer Programs – Significant progress has been made outside of the City of Sausalito portion of the district. Within the City, the City Council is working to develop responsive plans for helping residents repair faulty laterals. Currier and Ring reported that the City is enforcing the sewer lateral ordinance to the consternation of individual residents but to the credit of the city as a responsible world citizen.
- B. Website – Ring reported that he is fully qualified to make updates to the website. An agenda will be scheduled to make a broadly based review of the website at the April meeting. In the meantime, typographical corrections and updates should be sent to webmaster Ring.
- C. Electronic Waste – See item 6C. above. Spivack will look into florescent light disposal since it is beyond the scope of the Chamber of Commerce program.
- D. Solar Panels – Solar City reports that the current economic situation has frustrated the funding of the project. Nevertheless, the terms of the contract will remain in place.
- E. No Bottled Water Ordinance. M/S/P to drop.
- F. Noise Ordinance – M/S/P Ring to draft a letter to the City suggesting broadening the ordinance restrictions on leaf blowers and other noisy activities to holidays in addition to weekends.
- G. Overwatering in parks. M/S/P to drop. Commissioners observing such events will contact the Parks and Recreation Department.
- H. 2009 Budget – M/S/P to adopt the attached budget.

9. New Business

- A. Earth Day – Spivack to contact the Bay Model, which is believed to be spearheading Earth Day Events in our area.
- B. City as a Certified Green Business – M/S/P to drop.

10. Agenda for Next Month

- A. Review of newsletter policy
- B. Review of website

11. Adjournment at 7:30.

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**Sausalito Sustainability Commission
Budget for 2009**

A Budget – Bottle Bill Appropriate:

Recycle containers for Art Festival and other events	\$2700.
Wizard Costume Cleaning & Repair	\$100.
Awards (Business of the year)	\$400.
Printing and flyers	\$1000.
Conferences and Training(LEED, Green Building, etc.)	\$500.
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>\$300.</u>
Total	\$5000.

B Budget -- \$5000 Grant:

On-street recycle containers	\$4400.
<u>Signs for Waste, Recycle, Compostable & Greencycle</u>	<u>\$600.</u>
Total	\$5000.

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