

**Minutes of the
SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA
Thursday, October 7, 2009**

1. Call to Order at 6:35 pm.
2. Roll Call:
 - Present: Bill Ring, Ray Gergus, Sue Currier, Alix Spivak and Mayor Leone
 - Excused: Monica Towers
 - BCRS: Greg Cristie - Absent
 - Visitor: AT Lynne – Chair of the Undergrounding Committee
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - Commissioner Reports - M/S/P to include a Commissioners Reports and Comments section in all future agendas.
4. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the September meeting as amended.
5. Sausalito City Council Update
 - A. Marin Clean Energy – The City Council approved continued participation in Marin Clean Energy as recommended by the Commission.
 - B. BERST - Commissioner Ring has arranged for a presentation by the BERST Coordinator at the next meeting of the City Council.
 - C. A measure to consolidate the various commissions and committees in all of the jurisdictions in the County was defeated 3:2. It is the sense of the Commission that the consolidation would not be in the best interest of Sausalito.
 - D. Solar Project – The program is proceeding with a smaller capacity system. Should MCE become a reality, the system could be expanded to generate even more than the building uses.
6. Bay Cities Refuse Services
 - A. E-Waste Collection - M/S/P to sponsor an E-Waste event in the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, 16th of January.
 - B. Downtown Recycle Containers – Commissioner Spivack will contact BCRS to determine where the new toppers will be placed.
 - C. Composting – M/S/P to visit the San Francisco composting facility in Vallejo if it accepts visitors. Commissioner Spivack will coordinate.
7. Public Comment. – The Commission discussed how the Undergrounding Committee could best interface with the Commission. One particular issue was discussed at length, namely the enforcement of the undergrounding requirement for large renovation projects involving electrical service or equipment. This comes into play when a resident plans to install solar generators. The Undergrounding Committee has the power to override the undergrounding requirement for solar-only projects and has a policy to do this. AT Lynne commented on the problem of her commission with respect to more work by a building permit than just solar generation. Commissioner Gergus said he would be glad to work with Ms Lynne on this matter.

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Commissioner Spivack, speaking as a private citizen, noted that she really likes her 2010 model Prius (Except when it criticizes her driving skill.).

8. Unfinished Business

- A. Website – Commissioner Ring has had some success with updating the website. Additional items were identified. Nevertheless, there is a consensus that a major overhaul is needed. This will be discussed at a future meeting. M/S/P permit Commissioners to submit news items for publication on the website.
- B. Roster Check – The confidential roster for the Commission was updated. The Secretary will distribute a copy to the Commissioners at the next meeting.
- C. Budget – M/S/P to coordinate with the City with the goal of making the budget of the Commission more visible to the members. Commissioner Currier will contact the City Finance Director on this matter.

9. New Business

- A. Noise Ordinance – The recently passed ordinance covers most construction and repair sources of noise. However, it is believed that gasoline-powered leaf blowers are in violation of the City's existing ordinances for general noise levels. It appears that the typical leaf blower produces at least 20dB more noise that is permitted. Commissioner Ring pointed out that while 20dB appears to be at least 20x *as loud*, the sound *energy* is in fact over 100x larger.
- B. Halloween Party Participation – M/S/P that Mayor Leone will be this year's Wizard.

10. Agenda for Next Month

- A. Bottled Water Ordinance – The Commission was asked to consider an ordinance for Susalito modeled on the one recently passed in Mill Valley. M/S/P to obtain and distribute to the Commission and any interested citizen the ordinances from Mill Valley and any other jurisdiction that might become available.
- B. Plastic Bag Ban - The Commission was asked to consider an ordinance for Susalito. M/S/P to obtain and distribute to the Commission and any interested citizen the ordinances from any other jurisdiction that might become available.

11. Adjournment - At 8:00pm

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