

**Minutes of the  
SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**6:40 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA  
Thursday, March 11, 2010**

1. Call to Order at 6:40 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Ring, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus, Martha Disario,  
Jann Johnson, Sue Currier

BCRS: Greg Cristie

Absent: Alix Spivack, Mayor Jonathan Leone

3. Approval of the reordered Agenda

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

5. Sausalito City Council Update

A. Marin Clean Energy – MCE is progressing in spite of the interference of PG&E.

B. BERST – Closed – the City intends to wait to see how the larger jurisdictions c.f. San Rafael works.

C. Solar Roof – A “ribbon cutting” has been scheduled for Monday March 22, at 3:00. The roof is already working and producing energy. The web page showing use and generation is now online.

6. Bay Cities Refuse Services

A. Downtown recycle containers – Tabled

B. Art Festival – The Festival would like to go “All Green” but previous attempts led to difficulties and significant unanticipated expenses. Commissioner Gergus will send a letter to vendors encouraging them to use compostable serving ware. BCRS is planning to do post-collection sorting of all the waste to ensure that the best disposal return is achieved. Commissioners Spivack and Desario will continue to consult with the Festival.

C. Stickers – Several stickers were “in-stock” at BCRS. These will be used until the supply is exhausted. However, a good Recycle sticker is still needed. Commissioners Ring and Towers will continue to work with BCRS to find and procure a suitable design.

D. BCRS reported that the landfill we use is in the final phases of obtaining a permit for composting food waste.

E. BCRS will organize a trip to the San Francisco food waste processing facility, (which remains to be found).

7. IReuse Presentation – Ms. Elisa Brooks gave a presentation on the software that IReuse has developed to give managers transparency as to the generation and use of resources. Because we did not have suitable projection facilities, the commissioners were invited to attend a webinar on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

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8. Unfinished Business

- A. Website – Almost finished. (It went “On the Air” on March 12.)
- B. Budget – There have been no expenditures yet this year.
- C. Leaf Blower Ordinance – Commissioner Johnson and Currier brought a number of copies of publications related to the problems engendered by leaf blowers. M/S/P to draft an ordinance that will outlaw leaf blowers and other portable devices powered by internal combustion engines. The draft ordinance will point out that it falls within the purview of the commission in the whereases. Particular sustainability issues in addition to the VOC and CO2 emissions include sound levels in excess of current city ordinances, and particulates in the exhaust or stirred up by the blast of air. Commissioners and any other interested parties will receive copies when the draft is completed.
- D. Composting Facility – BCRS will organize.
- E. Plastic Bag Ordinance – M/S/P to draft an ordinance outlawing plastic grocery bags in the City. Commissioner Desario was appointed to develop a draft. Commissioners and any other interested parties will receive copies when the draft is completed.

9. New Business

- A. Business of the Year – Tabled
- B. Herbicide and pesticide use within the City – Tabled
- C. Light pollution – Tabled
- D. Newsletter – Tabled
- E. Earth Day – Tabled

10. Agenda for Next Month – No new items.

11. Commissioner Reports and Comments – None

12. Adjournment – At 8:30.