

**Minutes of the
SAUSALITO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room at 420 LITHO STREET, SAUSALITO, CA
Thursday, June 9, 2010**

1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Bill Ring, Monica Towers, Ray Gergus, Jann Johnson, Sue Currier, Alix Spivack

Sausalito: Andy Davidson

Sausalito Marin City Sanitary District – Bob Simmons

Absent: Martha Disario, Excused - BCRS: Greg Cristie

3. Approval of the agenda as amended

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

5. Presentation and discussion on the upcoming sewer tax rates.

Bob Simmons discussed the need for and magnitude of the proposed sewer tax increases. These will be levied by the City and, if the tax passes, by the Sewer District. The plan is to raise the rates over several years as construction progresses. The Sewer District is able to make grants of up to \$1000 to homeowners who fix faulty sewer laterals.

6. Sausalito City Council Update

- A. M/S/P to get an update on all the ordinance drafts the Commission has sent to the City Council
- B. Chair Gergus will contact the Mayor to see if another council person can be assigned to meet with the Commission.
- C. EV Charging Station – Mr. Davidson promised to look into the locations and rationale for the placements of the stations.
- D. Leaf Blower Ordinance – Chair Gergus will send our draft to the City Council
- E. Plastic Bag Ordinance – Tabled pending actions by the State and County.
- F. Community Garden – The letter of support has been sent. M/S/P to offer to purchase and install a composter on the site if the program is approved

7. Bay Cities Refuse Services

- A. Down-Town Recycle Containers – They are installed and working.
- B. Art Festival – Commissioners Spivack and Towers will forward vendor names and addresses to Commissioner Ring for passing onto the Art Festival vendors.
- C. Stickers – They are on order but did not arrive in time for the Street Fair.
- D. Food Waste Facility Visit – Greg Smith of BCRS has been tasked to arrange. The preference is for a Friday with an alternate of Tuesday if necessary.

8. Public Comment. – None

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9. Unfinished Business

- A. Budget – Items have been purchased by BCRS, but we do not have the numbers to present.
- B. Business of the Year – Chair Gergus will ask the Chamber of Commerce to make suggestions.

10. New Business

- A. Herbicide and Pesticide use in the City. Copies of the Fairfax ordinance were passed out. A statement of the Integrated Pest Management policy in the City might exist. Mr. Davidson will look into this matter.
- B. Light Pollution - Several handouts were presented. It was suggested that commissioners look into the website www.DarkSky.org. The City Engineer is looking into replacing all the streetlight fixtures for the goal of saving energy and minimizing light pollution.

11. Agenda for Next Month

- A. BCRS inserts
- B. Mandatory recycling and composting
- C. Tree removal from small City-owned parcels
- D. August meeting
- E. Tax implications of gifts to the Commission for handouts.

12. Commissioner Reports and Comments

13. Adjournment – At 8:10

**Sausalito Sustainability Commission
Financial Statement for June, 2010**

	Budget	Spent	Variance
A Budget - \$5000:			
Containers for Art Festival etc.	\$2700.	0	\$2700
Wizard Costume Cleaning & Repair	\$100.	0	\$100
Awards (Business of the Year)	\$400.	0	\$400
Printing and Flyers	\$1000.	0	\$1000
Conferences and Training	\$500.	\$132.90	\$367.10
Contingency	\$300.	0	\$300
Total	\$5000.	0	\$4867.10
 B Budget -- \$5000 Grant:			
Downtown Recycle Containers	\$4400.	0	\$4400
Signs/Stickers	\$600.	0	\$600
Total	\$5000.	0	\$5000

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