

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLEASANTON  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT  
July 28, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Committee on Energy and Environment was called to order at the hour of 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Members: Mark Posson, Thomas Kato, William Carrick, Howard Royer, Meera Jaeel and Alyssa Goard

Others: Daniel Smith, Thomas Fullam, Craig Higgins, Laura Ryan and Donna D'Abate

Absent: Mike McGinley

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Daniel read a letter to the committee from a Mr. Karl Ferrington, a Pleasanton resident, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Ferrington was interested in participating with the new Climate Action Plan as a citizen; his letter included interesting resources and links which Daniel will forward to the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2010, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Opening remarks by Chair Mark Posson.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

Daniel introduced Laura Ryan, our new Energy & Sustainability Manager, to the committee. Daniel provided a brief background about Laura, who just recently left PG&E having been with them for 22 years, where she worked in various lines of business, including Power Generation and Environmental Affairs. Laura developed PG&E's first ISO-14001 compliant Environmental Management System and was accountable for environmental regulatory reporting for PG&E's entire service territory. Mark met with Laura earlier on in the week for brief introductions.

1. LED Light Demonstration (Craig) - an LED light demonstration was presented by Green Vision LED, a company who has previously worked the City on lighting projects. Craig stated that we are looking at LED lighting for some of our facilities, and the committee was shown the different types of LEDs that are available. The Committee learned that LED lighting comes in many shapes and forms. LED light offers no heat to the touch, unlike regular light bulbs. We are currently beta testing some LEDs in our Utility Billing office, reducing the standard 56 watts to 7.5 watts (regular bulbs vs. LED bulbs). The price break

of LEDs can be paid off within 14-18 months. Green Vision audits companies' existing energy costs and determines how much they can save by switching to LEDs.

2. Plastic Bags and Foam Food Container Bans in California Update - A council agenda item was presented to City council on July 20<sup>th</sup> which included comments from the Committee. The committee's recommendation was included, but differed from the staff recommendation, based on the need for an EIR if the City implemented a local ban on single use plastic bags. During the Council meeting, we were on the consent calendar but the report was pulled from consent from Cindy McGovern who had questions regarding outreach. Daniel addressed her concerns, and the Council concurred with the staff recommendation to wait for the State to pass legislation. The Committee received a handout of an article from the Pleasanton Patch, which focused on the council backing the state initiative to reduce plastic bag usage. Daniel added other letters from other entities and noted that it looks like all municipalities are lining up behind the statewide ban. We still have options for City council to go back and look at this, but Safeway is supporting the statewide ban. Daniel believes our efforts so far have been successful. We have had combined discussions with the Economic Vitality Committee (EVC) and James Paxon, who is the EVC committee chair of the 35 member committee, and it was decided to have a sub-committee meeting on this subject.

One of the August agenda items for our next meeting will be for the Planning Commission to look at the CalGreen ordinance. Mark met with James to discuss how we want to reach out to other committees within the city that are interested in providing input to the CAP. Based on a discussion Mark had with James, a workshop would be the best venue. A joint committee meeting has been established for Monday, August 23rd. Mark asked that the letters in support of the legislation be forwarded to the committee.

3. Outreach Committee Update Report. Thomas said Lowes is locked into the August 4<sup>th</sup> First Wednesday event and would need three tables for set up. There will be a transportation panel discussion on Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> and the following attendees are confirmed: Richard Messer, Steve Patmont, Ed Huestic, Jim Heldberg and possibly a representative from Sandia Labs. Mike is looking into the Good Guys venue at the fairgrounds, and the second choice is the Senior Center. The Senior Center is available, so we will book it tomorrow. Auto transportation happens to be the theme for August which coincides with the Good Guys event. The committee questioned whether the subject of fuel cells has ever been brought up. The answer to this was no, we have not approached Wheels or Alameda County and they have had presentations in downtown Oakland (AC Transit). Our options are endless so we should contact them. Outreach for wind and fuel cell energy was suggested. All combined are good solutions to outreach. Contact Mike McGinley if you're interested in being involved in a sub-committee. Laura can help coordinate outreach, working with the PIO. Daniel presented a brief Powerpoint presentation to update the committee on the financing issue. Although the PACE program has been suspended, we are still trying to do what we can to keep the program running. We can e-mail the presentation to each committee member if requested. If you are interested in learning more about the program, go to [www.californiafirst.org](http://www.californiafirst.org). Regarding the bill financing program, Laura is going to meet with PG&E to determine our next steps..
4. Purchasing Policy Update Report Howard, Craig and Meera met and talked about what we initiated before but Craig said we took it to the Green Team and identified other issues. A policy has been drafted and will go back to the departments. Craig and Laura contacted Stopwaste.org. and a representative will meet with her no later than 8/13 and will review a rough draft and send it to the subcommittee. Laura said that we are looking at how much recycle products we purchase by City area (janitorial supplies, office products, etc.)and set targets. Discussion about giving preference to green vendors. Meera suggested we can do

different tiers of certification. Further discussion about financial incentives for green businesses, such as subtracting 1% off the total bid (for evaluation purposes only). Craig will check in with City Attorney to see if that is feasible. We will provide a draft of the green purchasing policy to the committee for further review.

5. CAP Update we went to Council on 7/20 for the final award to ESA and passed and ratified the contract, which was signed today. We have a pre-meeting scheduled with ESA tomorrow to introduce all team members and establish roles.. The Planning Department is considering adopting a new, streamlined Green Building Ordinance, which would align with CalGreen. The Planning Department is making presentations to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties. It is possible that the Green Building Ordinance will have to be revised once the CAP is done, but it is fully aware that California wants us to change the building ordinance to CalGreen and dealing with new construction which is two different things. We had to change scope of work a few times. San Ramon did adopt a CAP and Laura will give a copy to each committee (or send link to everyone via e-mail).
6. Election for Chair and Vice Chair - since Mike was absent, the committee voted to defer the election for Chair and Vice Chair to the August meeting. .

**MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Alyssa said that this is her last committee meeting since she will be going off to college in August. Alyssa plans on being at the next farmer's market but will try to help with the lecture series. The committee said they will miss Alyssa who has been an excellent representative of the youth community and thanked her for her service.

**REPORTS ON CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

**The Next Energy and Environment meeting will be held on August 25, 2010.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D'Abate