

# MINUTES

## ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

### STUDY SESSION - SUSTAINABILITY

JANUARY 23, 2008  
3:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Committee Members Mitchell, Petrella, Lucero

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Committee Member McCormack (late)

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Chuck Buck

**STAFF PRESENT:** Senior Planner Allen, Clerical Support Norton

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** N/A

#### **INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL:**

Introductions

Chairman Mitchell – Meeting will follow the recommended agenda

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **New Business:**

- a. Determine process in which to review US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement
- b. Discuss US Conference of Mayor's Best Practices Guides

Petrella – what is the process? In reading the Initiatives and Best Practices from the different cities, it seems as if the process came after the Protection Agreement was signed.

Mitchell – first, we need to talk about the actual agreement itself to see how we want to review it and what process to follow to adapt it to Fullerton. Second, we need to talk about the process other cities used and how they put it into practice. Are there any suggestions as to how to attack the process?

Lucero – as a government agency, we will work to try to exceed the Kyoto Protocol, save

energy, and use the initiatives. There is no harm in signing the Agreement. We need to identify something that we can bring to the table. He would want to see what the City of

Fullerton is doing now to save energy. We need the help of the Cities Energy Manager(s) to speak to the group.

Mitchell – to her knowledge there isn't one specific manager who is in charge of Energy savings nor does Fullerton have a goal date. However, there are many things on the list that Fullerton does do.

Petrella – she is still not clear which comes first the process/assessment or signing the agreement. Suggested contacting a city and ask them what process they followed.

Lucero – Before signing the agreement we should have concrete measures, something to bring to the table. He spoke about the City of Irvine who has given \$5,000 worth of compact fluorescent lamps along with energy conservation awareness.

Mitchell – It has not been a big question until recently, the committee has always been concerned and moving in that direction but covering a very broad spectrum. Need to define sustainability (components).

McCormack – definition is conserving energy.

Senior Planner Allen – there is definitely a heightened interest in the community with sustainability. The City Council and Planning Commission is looking for those elements in projects. Can see where a sustainability committee could be formed to draft programs and initiatives. Use this as a scorecard to see where we are in terms of these elements if we do sign the agreement. Is it a stretch to implement other things or do we have some things already in place. Do an inventory and see what other things we need to do to meet the requirements.

Mitchell – what is the starting point if one were to sign on to this agreement? Is it today the day we sign, is it starting back as far as 1990.

Petrella – no answer yet but some cities have signed on but don't have a concrete action plan. My feeling is that we do not have to have specifics.

Mitchell – don't think you have to be super specific but if you set a goal without any idea of how you will reach it, those are the goals you don't meet. The question is, do we really need this, isn't AB-32 enough. We are so tied in with other entities how do we figure out what our part is.

Senior Planner Allen – Looking for an overall picture.

Lucero – When we sign on we can enumerate all of the things that the City has been doing, and then add to it.

Senior Planner Allen – Explained that AB-32 is State law and less stringent as it applies to California -- whereas the Major's Climate Protection Agreement is nationwide and is policy as opposed to law. AB-32 is 1990 levels by 2020 and the Major's Climate Protection Agreement is 7% below 90 levels by 2012. It is a deeper reduction sooner with the Major's Climate Protection

Agreement. Don't know if the 7% is based on the Kyoto numbers. There may have been some revision to that. AB-32 is enforced by California Resources Board they are developing measures that are specific to industries and will be proposing rules and standards. The Mayor's Agreement and the Best Practices Guide are a starting point.

Petrella – it is a nice tool for a mayor to rally the community around sustainability. We need to figure out three or four key areas. Need to get all of the background information.

Senior Planner Allen - suggested that as you read if something jumps out at you, you can expand on the key points in the agreement.

Senior Planner Allen – in regard to No. 9 of the Agreement – Kimberly Clark has put in a water recycling infrastructure which doesn't use as much water.

Mitchell – what wastewater they dump is so clean. With new recycling rates coming maybe we can get a report.

Senior Planner Allen - AQMD has developed a new plan and believes that the City does have an Urban Forest Plan; and agreed to get information about commuting (bike OCTD incentives) use of alternative energy; green tags, energy efficiency through Building Codes, putting something in the Building Code about Green programs, increasing fuel efficiency of the municipal fleet vehicles, and water and wastewater efficiency.

Lucero – talked to the City of Irvine earlier and they have only one person who wears several hats and handles everything.

Petrella – would not mind calling other cities to find out what process they followed.

Senior Planner Allen – Santa Monica were the first ones to implement anything sustainable and they have a separate agency.

Meeting Opened for Public Comment

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chuck Buck – is impressed with the progress made today. Hope there may be some way to connect with Cal State Fullerton's College of Engineering, or the College of Transportation along with Fullerton College. Mentioned that the City of Irvine has electrical vehicles parked at the Transportation Center that are used to drive employees to and from their workplace.

**COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS:**

Mitchell – thought Mr. Buck offered a good suggestion to make contact with the schools.

Petrella – Cal State Fullerton does have a committee on sustainability and there is a similar type of agreement called Compact that colleges and universities are signing. Cal State Fullerton is moving to sign on. Maybe we could invite the person in charge of their committee to speak to at one of our meetings.

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The committee agreed that each member would call a city or cities.

Lucero - has already spoken with Irvine.  
Mitchell – Huntington Beach  
Petrella – Santa Ana and Santa Monica  
McCormack – Long Beach

MOTION made by Lucero, SECONDED by Petrella to take the following actions:

- 1) Find out what our city is currently doing to save energy and what plans they have for the future.
- 2) What other cities are doing and what process they used.
- 3) Review the Best Practices Guide.

Meeting set for February 27, 2008 at 3:30 for next sub-committee meeting

Meeting Adjourned 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the meeting was ADJOURNED AT: 5:00 p.m.

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Beverly Norton, Clerical Support