

MINUTES

ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

STUDY SESSION – U.S. MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

MARCH 26, 2008
3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sub-Committee Members Mitchell, Lucero, McCormack

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PRESENT: Frances Mathews, Chuck Buck, Bob Siebert, Marion Sussman

STAFF PRESENT: Senior Planner Allen, Clerical Support Norton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 27, 2008 - Approved as amended

INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL:

All guests were acknowledged

DISCUSSION ITEMS

New Business:

Review City Programs in comparison to U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement elements

Mitchell – stated she had no luck getting formation from other cities that did not sign the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement. She tried to contact Beth Perry who used to be a council member at the City of Brea; left messages with a couple of council people who used to work with her but did not receive a return call. She has not been able to confirm that the Agreement had been brought before the City Council earlier.

Allen – suggested she look at the archives on the city's website for information.

Lucero – said he has contacted the cities of Buena Park, La Mirada and La Habra Heights. They do not have an energy person and are not aware of the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement.

McCormack – stated he contacted the City of Torrance and a city staff member made the

recommendation. The city identified what was already done and what else could be done.

Allen – said she has no new news on policies related to the General Plan or new incentives offered for car pool and public transit. If Bob Savage Maintenance Department is available to come to the ERMC meeting next month he can speak to the energy audit.

Francis Matthews – asked who was it that recently gave a presentation on “Green Buildings.”

Allen – replied the person who spoke to both the City Council and the Planning Commission was Bruce Hostetter. Because she was not able to attend either meeting she would view the video online to see if there was any Council discussion about his presentation. She added she attended a half-day seminar, presented by the Green Folks, who meet quarterly in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The cities involved were not aware of the Mayors’ Climate Protection Agreement. All of their programs have come out of someone’s concern about greenhouse gases and climate protection. Both Santa Monica and Pasadena have extensive green building and sustainability.

She spoke with a woman involved with the Council of Governments for the South Bay area; they are interested in doing something and have taken a semi-regional approach in attempting to do an inventory of their green house gases. Many cities are doing something whether they sign the agreement or not.

Buck – Regarding AB-32 - The Air Resources Board is currently writing the implementing documents on the many procedures.

Siebert - Advised that a hearing is scheduled tomorrow on March 27-28 in Sacramento on the role of the zero emission vehicles.

Lucero - A comment was made at the last ERMC meeting that the sub-committee was not adhering to the goal and timeframe as expected to make a decision.

Allen – explained to the members the full process the sub-committee was taking and with that committee members understood that they were not going to recommend signing something without knowing what that would mean for the City. The month of May would be a good time to submit our report. We must determine how the recommendation would be structured.

Buck – Said California State Fullerton has as many as 50-60 small electric vehicles which they use around campus to go from building to building. Perhaps the City’s Water or Utility Department could use the larger vehicles.

Allen – asked the members if they were at a point of making a recommendation.

Mitchell – asked about the best way of presenting. She felt that having a goal to work toward is important and the city should sign, however, because the number of sub-committee members has decreased she did not feel comfortable making that recommendation. It is apparent by the number of interested people who attended our meetings that there is an interest in this process.

Allen – said the committee could present all of the information including public comments, and make a recommendation or present the information and the ERMC Committee as a whole can

decide. Regardless of whether the agreement is signed, we should continue to work on sustainable areas.

McCormack – said we owe it to the whole Committee to make a recommendation, or lay out some alternatives. He suggested identifying the positives with mitigating factors as well as the identifying the negatives.

- What we are doing now
- What the downside is of not meeting our goals
- How we determine what the base year statistic is for Fullerton
- Demonstrate how we would track our progress
- Show the benefits
- There will be no contract obligation

Lucero – Said he would like to wait to see the energy audits before making a recommendation and go with what is remaining to be done.

Allen – Said she would e-mail members when the audit is available so that they can meet either the week of the 14th or on the 23rd of April.

COMMENTS:

Allen - Mentioned that San Clemente Green has formed as a non profit.

Matthews – Advised that the League of Women Voters has prepared a letter introducing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. The letter was read to all of the City Councils throughout North Orange County.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Beverly Norton, Clerical Support