City and County of San Francisco  
Commission on the Environment  
Policy Committee*

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Monday, January 14, 2019, 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Room 421  
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Johanna Wald (Chair), Elmy Bermejo and Eddie Ahn.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public comment will be taken before the Committee takes action on any item.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Wald, Ahn and Bermejo.


Upon a motion by Commissioner Bermejo, second by Commissioner Wald, the minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Wald, Ahn and Bermejo. Noes: None. Absent: None)

There was no public comment.

3. General Public Comment. Members of the public may address the Committee on matters that are within the Committee’s jurisdiction and are not on today’s agenda.

There was no public comment.

4. Joint presentation on a project between Green Building Code and Green Purchasing Program to regulate City carpet purchase. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Jen Jackson, Toxics Program Manager and Eden Brukman, Senior Green Building Coordinator (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, introduced the item.
Eden Brukman, Senior Green Building Coordinator, discussed the Precautionary Principle, environmentally preferable purchasing, municipal green building requirements, toxics reduction and pollution prevention, why carpet and goals.

Jen Jackson, Toxics Program Manager, discussed what the Department has done, regulation of carpet tiles, regulation of carpet adhesives, regulation exemptions. SF Approved list and next steps.

Commissioner Bermejo asked about the life span of carpets used by the City and how often they are changed.

Commissioner Wald asked why carpet is used at the Moscone Center if it must be changed often and how to track carpet and performance.

There was no public comment.

5. Presentation on the implementation and upcoming State revisions to the San Francisco Existing Commercial Building Ordinance. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speakers: Barry Hooper, Green Built Environment Senior Coordinator and Ammon Reagan, Building Energy Analyst. (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, introduced the item.

Ammon Reagan, Building Energy Analyst, discussed a reduction in San Francisco’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, GHG reductions in existing buildings, the existing Commercial Buildings Ordinance, California’s Statewide Energy Benchmarking Requirement, proposed changes to the Existing Buildings Ordinance, energy improvements to municipal facilities, benchmarking automated public report, comparing San Francisco buildings to the rest of the nation, the economy and emissions and required audits or retro commissioning.

Barry Hooper, Green Built Environment Senior Coordinator, discussed a strategic energy assessment, lowering carbon emissions by empowering smart investments and questions for engineers.

Commissioner Ahn asked if there is data for multifamily units in disadvantaged communities.

Commissioner Wald asked if the energy saving in San Francisco is attributable to the ordinance, if building scorecards are shared with building managers, if the scorecards are available publically.

6. Review and possible vote on whether to recommend to the Commission on the Environment that it should adopt the 2018 Draft Annual Report. Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion and Action)

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed the contents of the 2018 Draft Annual Report.

Commissioner Wald provided nonsubstantive amendments.

Commissioner Bermejo discussed support for the annual report.

Commissioner Ahn requested including additional participants to the section about the Clean Power Plan rally.
Commissioner Wald discussed adding a looking ahead section to the annual report in the future.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ahn, second by Commissioner Bermejo, the Policy Committee recommended that the Commission on the Environment adopt the 2018 Draft Annual without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Wald, Ahn and Bermejo. Noes: None. Absent: None)

There was no public comment.

7. Director’s Update. Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion)

There was no Director’s Report in Director Raphael’s absence.

There was no public comment.

8. New Business/Future Agenda Items. Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion)

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed upcoming Policy Committee agenda items including implementation of the zero waste facilitator program, the bottle recycling program and updates on the green business programs.

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjoumed at 6:08 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 421.

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