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

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Monday, February 13, 2017, 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, Lisa Hoyos.

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 5:10 p.m.
   
   Present: Commissioners Bermejo and Hoyos. Absent: Commissioner Wald. Commissioner Bermejo served as Chair of the Committee in Commissioner Wald’s absence.

2. **Approval of minutes of the January 9, 2017 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting.** (Explanatory Document: January 9, 2017 Draft Minutes) (Discussion and Action)
   
   Upon a motion by Commissioner Hoyos, second by Commissioner Bermejo, the January 9, 2017 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee meeting minutes were approved without objection. (Ayes: Commissioner Bermejo and Hoyos. Absent: Commissioner Wald)

3. **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.
   
   Harkman Gag expressed opposition to the use of herbicides and pesticides and discussed appropriate use of pesticides and herbicides.
   
   Anastacia Glikshtern discussed the use of herbicides on various plants in San Francisco.

4. **Update on the progress of the San Francisco Electric Vehicle Working Group.** Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Jessie Denver, Program Manager, Energy (Discussion)
   
   Director Raphael introduced the item and discussed Mayor Ed Lee’s interest in electric vehicles, interest by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and a Fellow that was hired by the Department of the Environment to assist with electric vehicle policy.
Jessie Denver, Program Manager, Energy discussed the Energy Program at the Department of the Environment discussed a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the City’s electric vehicle goals, San Francisco’s Greenhouse Gas reduction goals, revised Healthy Air Clean Transportation Ordinance (HAC TO) legislation, California and Federal goals for low emission vehicles, electric vs. non-electric vehicles, present and future electronic vehicles on the market, San Francisco leading the nation in electric vehicle adoption, pricing for electronic vehicles, types of electronic vehicle charging stations, existing availability of charging stations in San Francisco, electric vehicle charging stations at municipal facilities, grants and updates in 2016, 2016 White House electronic vehicle challenge, San Francisco fleet overview of light duty vehicles and sedans, sedan utilization – average monthly and daily miles, sedan utilization – average days utilized, planned analysis, recommendations for policymakers and literature review.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about affordability for longer range vehicles, whether available City vehicles would be like a car share, what the goal is for creating electric vehicle charging infrastructure, supply versus demand for electric vehicle charging, whether or not the Department of the Environment anticipates additional U.S. Department of Energy grants, resistance among federal employees and the regulation of transportation network companies.

Commissioner Bermejo asked about the language around jobs created by federal grants and whether or not there have been conversations with other cities.

Public Comment:

Dave Mullaney, SCRAP, asked whether or not it was possible for the city to procure light utility vehicles that are either electric vehicles or hybrids.

Director Raphael discussed how bringing a green lens to city procurement has allowed for streamlining and making the City more efficient.

5. Presentation on the value of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification and efforts to bring San Francisco in compliance with LEED Version 4. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Mark Palmer, Senior Green Building Coordinator (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed the importance of explaining the value of LEED Version 4.

Mark Palmer, Senior Green Building Coordinator, discussed the definition of green buildings, San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 7, changes the California Energy and Green Building Codes, 51 Municipal LEED Certifications to date, Laguna Honda Hospital, California Academy of Sciences, SFO Terminal 2, San Francisco City Hall, the Public Safety Building, cost analysis and the value of LEED.

Director Raphael discussed the private uptake of LEED.

Commissioner Hoyos asked how the Department is encouraging green roofs.

Public Comment:

Sunshine Swinford, Department of the Environment, asked what other cities are doing on municipal green building and LEED.

6. Director's Update. Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion)
Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed Mayor Ed Lee’s State of the City Address, Director Raphael’s letter to the editor, Green Building Code updates before the Board of Supervisors, the introduction of an electric vehicle ordinance with Mayor Ed Lee and San Francisco bottle redemption centers.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about where the money goes that is collected from the purchase of bottles and cans.

Public Comment:

Unidentified member of the public asked whether the value of an aluminum can is worth more than a nickel.

7. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Guillermo Rodriguez, Policy and Communications Director (Discussion)

Guillermo Rodriguez, Policy and Communications Director, announced the rescheduling of the March Policy Committee meeting to March 1, 2017 and discussed the consideration of the Reduced Risk Pesticide List at the March meeting and that staff is working on a calendar of upcoming Policy Committee meetings.

Commissioner Hoyos asked about plastic, film plastic and San Francisco’s Zero Waste goal.

Commissioner Bermejo discussed creating a public outreach component to the discussion around plastics and the City’s Zero Waste goals.

8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on the Environment Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 416.

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