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

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED

Monday, September 9, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 421
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Jr. Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Commissioners Eddie Ahn (Chair), Michael Sullivan and Johanna Wald.

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 Ahn, Sullivan, and Wald.


Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald, second by Commissioner Sullivan, the minutes were approved as amended without objection. (Ayes: Commissioners Ahn, Sullivan and Wald. Noes: 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.

Kevin asked if there are citizen task force climate programs specifically in San Francisco communities.

4. Review and vote on whether to recommend that the full Commission support Resolution File No. 2019-04-COE regarding Ordinance in Board of Supervisors File No. 190708 concerning large commercial building renewable energy requirements. Sponsor: Deborah Raphael, Director; Speaker: Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Explanatory Document: Resolution File No. 2019-04-COE) (Discussion and Action)
Tyrone Jue, Senior Advisor to the Mayor on the Environment introduced the Commercial Green Energy Ordinance, meeting 100% renewable energy by 2030.

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed the progress of SF Climate Action and the upcoming policies to keep on track. Looking ahead this ordinance will reach the goals of all buildings net zero by 2050, and all new buildings will be net zero by 2030. He explained that the ordinance will be split into three steps: energy efficiency, supplying renewable electricity, and electrifying appliances. The energy audits only apply to commercial buildings, and renewable electricity only applying to building 50,000 square feet high commercial or nonresidential only. It focuses on 100% renewable electricity for large commercial buildings. The data reveals that 9% of our commercial buildings are producing 73% of San Francisco’s emissions. SFPUC and Department of the Environment will collaborate on outreach, cost effectiveness, notifying building owners, and monitoring commercial buildings. The California state code help satisfies the renewable energy applications and the use of Hetch Hetchy Power that the municipal buildings in San Francisco use.

Commissioner Wald discussed the future 2030 goal for renewable energy in all residential buildings.

Commissioner Sullivan discussed San Francisco’s renewable energy policies comparison to other cities and the support of building owners on the ordinance.

Director Raphael discussed future restrictions of natural gas within the next couple months starting with a proposal.

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wald, second by Commissioner Sullivan, the Policy Committee recommended that the Commission on the Environment adopt Ordinance in Board of Supervisors File No. 190708 concerning large commercial building renewable energy requirements. (Ayes: Commissioners Ahn, Sullivan and Wald. Noes: None.)


Tyrone Jue, Senior Advisor to the Mayor on the Environment, discussed strategies to help achieve electrizing the private and municipal garages. Mayor London Breed and Supervisor Pekin are looking at access to charging. Tyrone discussed that access to charging is what prevents constituents to buy electric cars.

Lowell Chu, Interim Energy Program Manager, discussed private transportation emissions and health concerns of vehicle emissions in vulnerable populations.

Suzanne Loosen, Zero Emission Vehicle Coordinator, discussed the electrification of private vehicles and the importance of public charging ports.

Zac Thompson, Zero-Emission Vehicle Analyst, discussed how the ordinance will ask parking facilities to have 10% of spaces for charging stations by 2023. There also will be a waiver and partial waiver process for parking facilities.

Director Raphael discussed the ability to provide charging in San Francisco.
Commissioner Wald thanked staff, asked what the scale of charging stations will be with waived parking garages.

Director Raphael discussed how to create an ordinance that is fair to the owners and operations of the parking garages.

Commissioner Wald asked if there will be a regulatory system that will increase the level of charging stations based on the number of the hybrids in the city.

Director Raphael discussed that there may be better ways of creating this ordinance than 10% of parking garage spaced be used with a level two charger.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if there were data on charging stations within the past 5 years and about providing incentives to make public charging available outside of commercial paid parking garages.

Commissioner Sullivan discussed charging time and areas in the city with a lack of commercial parking garages.

Director Raphael discussed that the availability of chargers will be focused on areas that do not have many stations.

Commissioner Wald discussed that EV cars should be available to constituents and that the availability of chargers are meant to be for everyone.

Commissioner Sullivan congratulates the Zero Emissions team on this project.

Public Comment:

Unidentified speaker asked if there was information on present data on utilization of public charging stations.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sullivan, second by Commissioner Wald, the Policy Committee recommended that the full Commission adopt Ordinance in Board of Supervisors File No. 190793 concerning electric vehicle charging in commercial buildings. (Ayes: Commissioners Ahn, Sullivan and Wald. Noes: None.)

6. **Director’s Update.** Deborah Raphael, Director (Discussion)

Deborah Raphael, Director, discussed final amendments and polishing the presentation of electric vehicle charging in commercial buildings, SFO’s water bottle ban and interview with BBC, SF Environment’s involvement with special events with Mayor London Breed, Departments Continuity and Operations Plan role on solving waste during a disaster, and Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary will email Battle for the Bay information to commissioners.

There was no public comment.

7. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer (Discussion and Possible Action)

Charles Sheehan, Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer, discussed future meetings for Full commission meeting is on September 24th, Operations committee meeting is October 16th, the Policy committee
meeting for October 28th is cancelled, the next policy committee meeting is November 11th. The next Policy committee meeting will look at a legislative update and on the red housing conversions concerning pest preventions, and an update on the Antibiotics Ordinance.

There was no public comment

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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