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Citizens' Advisory Committee
Power Subcommittee

Approved Minutes

December 6, 2011

1155 Market Street, San Francisco
4th Floor, Conference Room
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Members

Doug Cain – Chair
Walt Farrell
Stephen Bjorgan
Jessie Buendia

Staff Ben Chan

Members present: Cain, Buendia, and Bjorgan

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to order**
   Chair Doug Cain called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

2. **Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2011.**
   The committee approved.

3. **Public comments – matters within Subcommittee's scope, not on today's agenda**
   None.

4. **Report from the chair.**
   Mr. Cain asked that the next meeting include a discussion on broadband power lines (BPL). Essentially, a high tech company would attach equipment that allows it to run data signal over power lines. Google has such an arrangement with Kansas City Power and Light in Missouri over its transmission line.

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About 6 years ago, he said Google offered, through PG&E, to install BPL in San Francisco but was met with resistance from the political establishment at the time. But this technology would bring potential revenue for the SFPUC, he said. The City should explore the possibility of installing BPL in Hunters Point or Treasure Island in the future.
At the next meeting he would bring in someone to make a presentation on the subject.

5. Staff report

The committee unanimously approved a resolution to ask the full CAC to support a power rate increase and urge the Commission to approve the rate increase that would be at a minimum, equal to the cost of service. In supporting the resolution, Mr. Cain said his message to the full CAC would be that the constituents should also voice their support for community choice aggregation, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012.