San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Citizens’ Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
525 Golden Gate Ave., 3rd Floor Tuolumne Conference Room
San Francisco, CA, 94102

Members:
Wendy Aragon, Chair (D1)
Suki Kott (D2)
Vacant (D3)
David Pilpel (D4)
Ted Loewenberg (D5)
Mark Connors (D6)
Nicole Sandkulla - (M-Reg’l Water Customers)
Walt Farrell (D7)
Javierree PruittHill (D8)
Art Taylor (D9)
Marjorie Goodwin (D10)
Jennifer Clary (D11)
Avni Jamdar (M-Env. Group)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment
Staff Liaison: Ryan Iwata and Jessica Buendia

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order and roll call:

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Members present at roll call: (11 members present, quorum confirmed) Aragon (D1), Kott (D2), Pilpel (D4), Loewenberg (D5), Connors (D6), Farrell (D7), Goodwin (D10), Clary (D11), Jamdar (M-Env. Group), Sandkulla - (M-Reg’l Water Customers), Barlev (M-Lg Water User),

Members Absent at roll call (4 members absent): PruittHill (D8), Taylor (D9), Saddler (B-small Business), Zhu (B-Env Justice),

Members of the public: Matthew Ajiare, Jason Fried, Jess Dervin Ackerman, Cynthia Crews, Michael Murphy, Eric Brooks, John Kelly

2. Report from the Chair (W. Aragon, Chair) (5 minutes)

- Please limit question/comment time to two minutes so that agenda can stay on schedule.

3. Approval of the April 29, 2014 minutes (5 minutes)

Motion was made (D. Pilpel) and seconded (T. Loewenberg) to approve April 29, 2014 minutes with edits.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:
AYES: (11) – Aragon, Kott, Loewenberg, Farrell, Connors, Clary, Pilpel, Goodwin, Sandkulla, Barlev, Jamdar
NOES: (0)
ABSENT: (4) Zhu, PruittHill, Taylor, and Saddler

4. Presentation and Discussion – Clean Power SF Update, Kim Malcolm, Director of Policy and Administration, Power Enterprise and LAFCO CleanPowerSF
update, Jason Fried, Executive Director of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) (15 minutes of presentation, 15 minutes of discussion)

Presentation covered:
- Clean Power SF Program overview
- Proposed program components as presented on 8/13/2013
- Snapshot of neighboring CleanPower programs: Marin Clean energy, Sonoma CleanPower
- Remaining challenges for CCA’s in California
- Current status of CleanPowerSF
- Commission declined to approve rates
- Possibility of 365 days a year of renewable energy

Topics of Discussion:
- Rate comparison to PG&E
- How it relates to the climate action plan
- LAFCO’s role with CleanPowerSF
- Shell’s role with CleanPowerSF

Public comment:

Eric Brooks: Marin and Sonoma Clean energy are currently beating PG&E prices. The key issue seems to be the build out. The reason it's so important is because we need to finish this in house to ensure the hundreds of thousands of jobs are kept in SF.

Jess Dervin Ackerman, Conservation Organizer for the Bay chapter of the Sierra Club: Lots more counties are starting CCA programs while SF’s program is stalled, including Alameda County. I urge you to vote yes on this resolution, and the Commission needs to hear over and over that the people of SF want this.

Cynthia Crews with the League of Pissed off Voters, and resident of D5: SF’s climate action strategy says moving to 100% renewable electricity is the single biggest step to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Last year, a supermajority vote of the BOS preventing Mayor Ed Lee from vetoing CleanPowerSF, but launching the program depended on the final administrative approval of the SFPUC. The SFPUC commissioners were all appointed by the mayor, who adamantly opposed CleanPowerSF, and ended in a 3-2 vote against CleanPowerSF. Essentially, three unelected appointees have been able to thwart the will of a supermajority of the city’s legislative body and have stopped any progress on renewable power in SF. Please urge the PUC to pass the not to exceed rates.

Member E. Saddler arrives at 5:56pm (12 members present, quorum confirmed)

Background material on Clean Power SF:
- August 13 Commission Meeting – Agenda Item 11 - Clean Power SF Community Choice Aggregation Program Presentation:

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution (10 minutes)
- Clean Power SF Resolution, Member W. Aragon

Member W. Aragon withdraws Clean Power SF Resolution (this version includes the working edits from the 5/20/14 meeting) and postpones it to the next meeting.

Public comment: Eric Brooks with SF Green Party: The studies that LAFCO has just taken over for the local build out showed drafts showing 650 million dollars of savings to the CleanPowerSF program.
Chair Aragon asks to extend meeting 15 minutes, none opposed.

6. Future Agenda Items and Possible Resolutions (5 minutes)

1.) **CAC member expectations** - Member D. Pilpel
2.) SF PUC staff expectations- Developing information processes to better educate the members on current events with SF PUC. – Member D. Pilpel
3.) Marin Clean Energy program and how it affects low income communities.- Member D. Pilpel
4.) AB2145-Bradford- Member W. Aragon
5.) AB-2159- Ammiano- Member W. Aragon
6.) Possible resolution urging Commissioners to take a position on CleanPowerSF- Member W. Aragon
7.) June: Environmental justice- Member T. Zhu
9.) August: Formation of Bylaws Working Group. - Member A. Jamdar
10.) **PUC CAC Cost Resolution**- Member D. Pilpel
11.) Climate Action Strategy plan background- Member D. Pilpel

**Info Request #019:** Member Pilpel requests that the minutes reflect who proposed the future agenda items moving forward.

7. 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 (2 minutes per speaker)

Eric Brooks: Urban Composting Toilets: Recent study by the SFPUC shows that if the entire city converted to self-composting toilets, it could save 5 billion gallons of water a year.

Mike Murphy: San Francisco Watershed Protection Alliance: Beach Chalet- Voicing concerns about the Beach Chalet construction of the toxic artificial turf fields at the beach Chalet meadows at Golden Gate Park. I have contacted the EPA and Regional Water Board regarding the constituents of these fields and how it might affect the sewer supply. It’s been determined that there are various constituents in the fields that represent a nuisance under the Public Works Code (Article 4.1 regarding industrial waste). Have also “sun shined” the SFPUC to determine if SF Park and Rec has registered for the permit or has complied with the quarterly base-line monetary reports from various field locations around the city. The sunshine request came back empty, and we are looking for citizen’s enforcement action under the 4.1 section of the Public Works Code. If there is a way that you can discuss this and avoid a situation where SF Park and Recreation would be sued under the 4.1 Public Works Code, it would be appreciated. These are toxic chemicals being dumped into the combined sewer system. The Beach Chalet Meadows, with 4.5 million gallons of water a year enter into the system with that construction. 1.5 million gallons get dumped directly (only primarily treated) into Ocean Beach which is a habitat for a endangered species.

John Kelly: Presented a letter to the Committee, and is urging the CAC to take a stance against mixing groundwater into the general water supply. Letter can be viewed [HERE](#).

Matthew Ajiare: A current doctoral candidate looking for the members to participate in his study regarding Triple Bottom Line Social responsibility and I am using the SFPUC as my primary source of data collection. You will be playing a key part in trying to determine whether public agencies by default are socially responsible.

Member A. Jamdar leaves meeting at 7:07 pm (11 members present, quorum still intact)

Member W. Farrell leaves meeting at 7:08 pm (10 members present, quorum still intact)
8. Subcommittee Chair Reports
   • Water Subcommittee (2 minutes)- Will be meeting next Tuesday 5/27/14
   • Power Subcommittee (2 minutes) – Will not be meeting until 7/8/14
   • Wastewater Subcommittee (2 minutes) - Met last Tuesday.

Public comment: None

9. Staff Report (5 minutes)
   - Today was the launch of the MyAccount web portal, and we are hoping for your support in spreading the word.

Public comment: None

10. Announcements/Comments – The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Full CAC will take place on Tuesday, June 17, 2014

11. Adjournment

Motion was made (N. Sandkulla) and seconded (S. Kott) to adjourn meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 pm