

Oil Independent Oakland (OIO) By 2020 Task Force

Special Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2007, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Minutes

Hearing Room 1, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

Members Present: Shannon Graham, Richard Heinberg, Ian Kim, David Room, James Lutz, Jane Seleznow, Mike Petouhoff, Parin Shah

Members Absent: Thomas Radulavich

Staff Present: Kimberly S. Jones, Esq., City Administrator Staff, Patrick Tang, Esq., Deputy City Attorney, Scott Wentworth, Public Works Agency

1. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum.
The Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm. Roll was called and a quorum was established.
2. Open Forum.
There were no speakers for Open Forum.
3. Approval of Draft Minutes of April 5, 2007 meeting.
The Draft Minutes of the April 5, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved, as amended. The amendment is to Section 3d, to read "Wastestream, including wastewater treatment/waste stream management." Motion by: Mike Petouhoff. Seconded by: Jane Seleznow.
Passed by: Unanimous Vote
4. Confirmation of Regular Meeting Schedule.
The Regular Meeting Schedule, which provides for meetings on the third Thursday of the month, was revised to include meetings on September 20, 2007, and October 18, 2007, subject to Council approval to an amendment of the enacting resolution. Moved by: Jim Lutz. Seconded by: Richard Heinberg Passed by: Unanimous Vote
5. Proposed Process and Timeline for OIO Task Force.
Several task force members expressed concern over the proposed timing, including the timing suggested for the establishment of subgroups.

Task Force Member Lutz suggested that the Port of Oakland be invited to make a presentation to the Task Force.

Kimberly Jones informed the group that the Port will be expecting a progress report in the near future, but that the City/Port Commission was informed that the group had only held two meetings.

The Task Force discussed whether it would be beneficial to incorporate Task Force Member Seleznow's recommendations into the Working Group's report to be delivered at the next meeting.

Task Force Member Kim expressed concern about approving the proposed process and timeline without having the information to be provided by the working group, as well as clarification about the extension of the life of the task force, as proposed by the amendment to the enacting resolution. He also suggested 3 months as the possible length of extension of the task force.

Consensus was reached that the Working Group that was addressing the issue of the scope, principles, metrics, and working groups of the Task Force should also address the issue of process and timing as well. Further, this working group would also create a draft letter of invitation for community environmental groups to attend upcoming meetings and a proposed list of organizations who should receive the invitation.

The Task Force was informed that Staff would work on the amended resolution, which would be ready for their review and comments at the next task force meeting. No Action was taken on this item.

6. Global Oil Supply/Peak Oil Presentation
See attached Power Point Presentation–The Challenges of Peak Oil by Richard Heinberg

7. Sources and Uses of Oil in the City of Oakland
See attached Power Point Presentation – Greenhouse/CO2 Emissions by Public Works Agency
Task Force Member Graham asked if it would be easy to get data from the MTC, but question of what to do with the information would remain.

Task Force Member Lutz stated that Oakland is a “hub.” Therefore, what counts for Oakland’s oil usage?

Task Force Member Heinberg agreed, adding that the group should examine Portland’s report and create a relationship with Portland.

Task Force Member Petouhoff asked what the accounting would look like, and that the group should examine the impact of oil interruption.

Task Force Member Graham stated that Impacts are one perspective, another would be intention.

Task Force Member Jim Lutz asked whether the City has sale tax data about gas sold?

Scott Wentworth, Public Works Agency, stated that the transportation data doesn’t include highways, the Port (shipping and rail), only surface streets; but that the Port probably has independent data. The information provided about Total Greenhouse Emissions for 2005 makes no distinction between the City and city-wise emissions.

Task Force Member Lutz stated that the aggregate numbers would be higher.

Scott Wentworth asked for guidance about the priorities of the task force.

Task Force Member Petouhoff stated it would be better to consider things under the control of the City, but would like to see information about the City and the public.

Task Force Member Lutz stated that the focus should be on petroleum.

Task Force Member Petouhoff wants to look at petroleum, but also wants to look at the CO2 footprint to avoid doing harm in the recommendations, relative to the impact of alternatives.

Task Force Member Lutz asked if there was any entity that tracked the port of origination of tankers. Scott Wentworth informed the group that he didn't know.

Task Force Member Petouhoff stated that all uses have potential Greenhouse Gas Emissions, but sources may also be an issue of petroleum vulnerability. He also stated that he would like to receive the information in the report in a table format.

Task force Member Heinberg also asked for a bar chart of petroleum consumption in gallons or barrels per day and CO2 Emissions from that use.

Task Force Member Petouhoff added that it would be useful to know how much petroleum is consumed, how is producing it, the sources, uses, and CO2 emissions.

8. Public Meeting Training/Presentation
Tabled for next meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items
Public Meeting Training/Presenation
Working Group Report
Green Economy Task Force Findings
Follow-up Presentation from Public Works Agency

10. Announcements

Task Force Member Lutz announced that he is setting up an informal meeting with the Helios Project and welcomed other task force members to join him.

Kimberly Jones announced the resignation of Douglas Boxer from the task force.

The Task Force agreed to set a time to meet for dinner prior to the meeting, which would have to be posted as a Public Notice on the agenda for the next meeting. The group agreed to meet at 5:00 pm at Le Cheval.

11. Adjournment.

On motion by Task force Member Heinberg, which was seconded by Task Force Member Room, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.