

MINUTES

Eugene Sustainability Commission
Saul Room — Atrium Building — 99 W. 10th Ave.
Eugene, Oregon

Jan 16, 2013
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathi Jaworski, Dawn Lesley, Sue Wolling, Dave Funk, Alan Zelenka, Steve Newcomb, Sarah Mazze, Howard Bonnett, Sasha Luftig, Shawn Boles, Rusty Rexius commissioners ; Babe O'Sullivan, City Manager's Office.

ABSENT: Jessica Bloomfield

Mr. Newcomb called the January 16, 2013, meeting of the Sustainability Commission to order.

1. Opening – agenda review, approval of minutes

Item 4 on the agenda (Sustainable Cities Initiative) was moved from 6:10 PM to 7:30 PM.

Ms. Jaworski called for corrections or clarifications to the November 28, 2012 minutes. There was one correction.

Ms. Jaworski, seconded by Mr. Bonnett, moved to approve the November 28, 2012 minutes as corrected. The motion passed, 11:0.

2. Public comment

- Megan Kemple – spoke in support of education and community organizing to prepare for climate change.
- Mark Robinowitz – made a request for time before the commission to make a formal presentation and request action on the issue of peak traffic. He was directed to bring a written request back to the commission.

3. Items from commissioners and staff

Commissioners reported on activities of the sub-committees and other liaisons.

- ICAP – Sub-committee requested time on the February agenda for review and consideration of a draft memo to Council.
- Carbon fee – Sub-committee requested time on the February agenda for review and consideration of a draft memo to Council.

4. Processing work requests: Sweat-free purchasing policy

Steve Newcomb – used process discussed at the November 2012 commission meeting for vetting the outstanding request from the Solidarity Network for action on a sweat-free purchasing policy. Dawn Lesley volunteered to act as a sponsor and develop a draft letter making this recommendation to Council.

Commission Chair Kathi Jaworski called for a vote in support of Commissioner Lesley drafting a letter to Council and submitting it to the Human Rights Commission to ask for endorsement. Vote was in favor: 9:2.

Commissioner Newcomb will bring a revised process description to the February meeting for approval.

5. Sustainability Commission Work Plan

Commissioner Boles requested staff to re-issue the work plan with responsible commissioners named for each item.

Commissioner Newcomb request that he be added to the Regional Collaboration sub-committee.

Commissioner Jaworski will communicate with Lisa Arkin to follow-up on request from Beyond Toxics.

Commissioner Boles asked that the food policy topic be reconsidered for follow-up action.

Commissioners suggested that Councilor Alan Zelenka conduct a work session poll for Council. Staff was asked to provide the commission's May 2012 letter on the topic to commissioners Boles and Zelenka.

6. BREAK

7. Work Plan cont'd

Commissioners reviewed and updated assignments to community liaisons. Staff was asked to prepare a single page work plan and distribute to commissioners with the updated liaison assignments.

Commissioner Boles requested further discussion of the liaison role at the commission's February meeting.

8. Sustainable Cities Initiative – TBL project

Rob Zako (University of Oregon) and Robert Liberty (Portland State University) gave a presentation about their work on a project for the Lane Livability Consortium that is focused on developing a Triple Bottom Line analysis and tools for transportation planning. They requested additional time with the commission during the March meeting to discuss their research findings and recommendations.

9. Closing: next meeting, other follow-up

The next commission meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2013.

Ms. Jaworski adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

(Recorded by Babe O'Sullivan)