

MINUTES

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

March 20, 2013
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathi Jaworski, Sue Wolling, Sarah Mazze, Howard Bonnett, Sasha Luftig, Steve Newcomb, Joanne Gross, Shawn Boles, Jessica Bloomfield, commissioners; Babe O'Sullivan, Matt McRae, Jenna McCulley, City Manager's Office.

ABSENT: Dave Funk, Rusty Rexius, Dawn Lesley, Alan Zelenka

Ms. Jaworski called the March 20, 2013, meeting of the Sustainability Commission to order. The start of the meeting was delayed due to a fire alarm in the Atrium building.

1. Opening – agenda review, approval of minutes

Ms. Jaworski called for corrections or clarifications to the February 20, 2013 minutes.

Ms. Mazze, seconded by Ms. Luftig, moved to approve the February 20, 2013 minutes as submitted. The motion passed, 8:0.

2. Public comment

Mark Robinowitz addressed the commission speaking to issues of peak traffic and the City's participation in the upcoming Earth Hour event.

3. Introduction of new commissioner Joanne Gross

Ms. Gross introduced herself and provided some background on her activities in Eugene.

4. Demonstration of new commission web pages

Jen McCulley provided a demonstration of the redesigned web pages for the commission. Mr. Boles asked that the web pages for the Envision Eugene Technical Advisory Committee be used as model.

5. Sub-committee reports

- CLUTAC: the joint committee is vetting a proposal to talk with Eugene developers. The proposed project and timeline need to get approved by Planning and Development Department staff to move forward with the Planning Commission.
- Ms. Gross expressed her interest in serving with Mr. Boles on the food working group. She also volunteered to serve as the liaison to Food for Lane County.

6. Sustainability Commission recruitment

Babe O'Sullivan gave an overview of the current commission recruitment process and the positions that would be filled. Mr. Boles suggested that staff talk with commissioners Rexius and Funk about attracting applicants from the business community.

7. Sustainable Cities Initiative - Triple Bottom Line project

Rob Zako with the Sustainable Cities Initiative gave a presentation as an informational update on the Triple Bottom Line project. Ms. Luftig will coordinate with Dr. Zako to vet the project through the commission's TBL and/or TSP sub-committees.

8. Break

9. Sub-committee item: 20 minute neighborhoods

The commission expressed a desire to communicate with Council those attributes that should inform selection of the three alternatives for the South Willamette street project but acknowledged that Council will not be part of that selection process. Sub-committee members will check with Councilor Zelenka about strategy and bring back something for the April commission meeting.

10. Sub-committee item: Carbon fee

The commission reviewed draft resolution with some proposed edits. Ms. Jaworski mentioned that the timing and strategy for bringing this forward to Council will be discussed in a meeting with City Manager Jon Ruiz next week. Mr. Boles suggested that the commission should ask for a Council work session before the election in May (May 21). There was interest in bundling the draft carbon fee resolution with the ICAP letter. Ms. Gross will send the sub-committee some ideas for how to communicate about the carbon pricing concept (perhaps as a cover letter).

Ms. Wolling, seconded by Ms. Luftig, moved to approve the draft resolution as edited.
The motion passed, 8:0.

Ms. O'Sullivan will send the resolution to the City Manager in advance of the meeting next week.

11. Items from commissioners and staff

Ms. Jaworski and Mr. Newcomb are drafting a letter to Human Rights Commission about starting the process to collaborate, perhaps establishing joint liaisons between the two commissions.

Ms. Jaworski will be bringing a proposal to the commission for conducting study circles on the topic of complete streets and the impact on businesses.

12. Closing: next meeting, other follow-up

The next commission meeting was scheduled for April 17, 2013.

Ms. Jaworski adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.

(Recorded by Babe O'Sullivan)