

MINUTES

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

April 17, 2013
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathi Jaworski, Sue Wolling, Sarah Mazze, Howard Bonnett, Sasha Luftig, Steve Newcomb, Joanne Gross, Shawn Boles, Jessica Bloomfield, Rusty Rexius, Dave Funk, Dawn Lesley commissioners; Babe O’Sullivan, Matt McRae, Jenna McCulley, City Manager’s Office.
ABSENT: Alan Zelenka

Ms. Jaworski called the April 17, 2013, meeting of the Sustainability Commission to order.

1. Opening – agenda review, approval of minutes

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

Mr. Boles, seconded by Mr. Bonnett, moved to approve the March 20, 2013 minutes as corrected. The motion passed, 6:0, with commissioners Rexius, Funk, Lesley and Bonnett abstaining.

2. Public comment

Megan Kemple addressed the commission about support for a resolution on a carbon tax.

3. Sub-committee reports

- Sustainable Business Practices: Interviews with local businesses are completed. A draft report is expected by late May or early June.

4. Beyond Toxics

Alison Guzman and Lisa Arkin from Beyond Toxics presented findings from their report “Environmental Justice in West Eugene: Families, Health and Air Pollution.” They also submitted recommended changes to the City’s Triple Bottom Line (TBL) tool to incorporate environmental justice considerations in the prompts.

The commission discussed bringing these recommendations forward in the work of the TBL sub-committee along with the findings from the TBL project of the Lane Livability Consortium. Ms. Luftig will poll sub-committee members to organize a meeting and discussion.

5. Leadership update

Mr. Newcomb provided an update on a recent meeting with the City Manager, Jon Ruiz to discuss pending requests from the commission. Mr. Ruiz suggested a work session in the summer to discuss both the Internal Climate Action Plan (ICAP) and the Community Climate and Energy Action Plan (CEAP). He also suggested working with the IGR committee to get support for the carbon pricing study bill moving in the legislature.

6. Break

7. Internal Climate Action Plan (ICAP) and carbon pricing

The commission discussed strategy on these two items in light of the input from the City Manager.

Ms. Luftig, seconded by Ms. Mazze, moved that the commission request the City Manager to pursue support from the IGR committee for the carbon pricing study bill. The motion passed, 12:0.

Mr. Bonnett, seconded by Mr. Funk, moved that the commission submit to City Council the resolution on carbon pricing. The motion passed, 12:0.

Ms. Lesley, seconded by Mr. Bonnett, moved that the commission submit to City Council the memo on ICAP with its recommendation changed to ask for a Council work session this summer. The motion passed, 12:0.

8. Sub-committee item: 20-minute neighborhoods

The commission discussed the draft letter to City Council with input on the South Willamette Street project. There was a recommendation to add a footnote from Ms. Wolling.

Mr. Rexius, seconded by Mr. Newcomb, moved to submit the letter as written with the recommended change. The motion passed, 11:0, with Mr. Funk abstaining.

9. Items from commissioners and staff

Ms. Jaworski announced that the Human Rights Commission (HRC) would be joining the next commission meeting on May 15 to discuss 1) possible joint request on a sweatfree purchasing policy, 2) results from the Equity and Opportunity Assessment project of the Lane Livability Consortium.

Ms. Mazze announced her interest in submitting a proposal to the City Club for a forum on climate change. Some ideas were discussed including the proposed resolution on carbon pricing.

Ms. Jaworski asked the commission about their interest in having a supplemental meeting after the May 21 election to discuss budget implications and potential advocacy. Staff will poll commissioners for availability for a second meeting in late May or early June.

10. Closing: next meeting, other follow-up

The next commission meeting was scheduled for May 15, 2013.

Ms. Jaworski adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

(Recorded by Babe O'Sullivan)