

MINUTES

Eugene Sustainability Commission
Campbell Senior Center
Eugene, Oregon

May 15, 2013
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathi Jaworski, Sue Wolling, Sarah Mazze, Howard Bonnett, Sasha Luftig, Steve Newcomb, Shawn Boles, Dawn Lesley Alan Zelenka commissioners; Toni Gyatso, Andrew Thomson, Iva Boslough, Chris Nunes, Human Rights commissioners. Babe O’Sullivan, Matt McRae, Mike Kinnison, and Lindsey Foltz City Manager’s Office.

ABSENT: Rusty Rexius, Jessica Bloomfield, Dave Funk, Joanne Gross.

Ms. Jaworski called the May 15, 2013, meeting of the Sustainability Commission to order and welcomed members of the Human Rights Commission who were joining the meeting. This was followed by introductions of the commission members in attendance.

1. Opening – agenda review, approval of minutes

Ms. Jaworski called for corrections or clarifications to the April 17, 2013 minutes.

Mr. Newcomb, seconded by Ms. Wolling, moved to approve the April 17, 2013 minutes as submitted. The motion passed, 9:0.

2. Public comment

No public comment.

3. Sweatfree Purchasing policy

Staff provided a brief report on current purchasing policy and practices for the City as well as some research findings about the Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium. During the discussion, several issues were raised including:

- 1) What is the definition of sweatshop?
- 2) Does the Consortium plan to add verification as a service in the future as it expands?
- 3) What other networks are out there?

There was general agreement about interest in working on a joint letter/request to the City Manager on the subject of sweatfree purchasing. Steve Newcomb and Toni Gyatso will lead the next steps in that process.

4. Equity and Opportunity Assessment

Stephanie Jennings, project manager for the Lane Livability Consortium, presented an overview of the Equity and Opportunity Assessment project and some of the initial mapping results and other findings. Commissioners then broke out into small groups to discuss how this type of information might be used to inform the City’s work on environmental justice. Results were shared in a report out to the entire group.

At this point, Chairwoman Kathi Jaworski thanked the visiting Human Rights Commissioners and indicated that the remainder of the agenda would be dedicated to business of the Sustainability Commission.

5. Break

6. Triple Bottom Line and Brownfields assessment

Rob Zako with the Sustainable Cities Initiative at the University of Oregon was joined by Terry Moore of EcoNorthwest (participating by phone) in a presentation of a white paper discussing the application of the Triple Bottom Line framework to the selection and assessment of contaminated brownfield sites. Commissioners provided input and suggestions.

7. CEAP Progress report

Matt McRae, Climate and Energy Analyst for the City of Eugene, presented findings from the recently published 2012 Progress Report for the Community Climate and Energy Action Plan.

8. Closing: next meeting, other follow-up

The next commission meeting was scheduled for May 29, 2013.

Ms. Jaworski adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

(Recorded by Babe O'Sullivan)