

MINUTES

Eugene Sustainability Commission
Atrium Saul Room
Eugene, Oregon

May 29, 2013
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathi Jaworski, Sue Wolling, Sarah Mazze, Steve Newcomb, Shawn Boles, Dawn Lesley, Alan Zelenka Rusty Rexus, Jessica Bloomfield, Dave Funk, Joanne Gross commissioners. Babe O’Sullivan, Matt McRae, City Manager’s Office.

ABSENT: Howard Bonnett, Sasha Luftig.

Mr. Newcomb called the May 29, 2013, meeting of the Sustainability Commission to order.

1. Opening – agenda review, approval of minutes

Ms. Jaworski called for corrections or clarifications to the May 15, 2013 minutes.

Ms. Wolling, seconded by Ms. Lesley, moved to approve the May 15, 2013 minutes as submitted. The motion passed, 7:0.

2. Public comment

Madeline Smith addressed the commission on the topic of disaster preparedness.

3. FY 14 budget review

Council Liaison Zelenka provided a review of the FY 14 proposed budget and the process currently underway with the Budget Committee. A motion was expected at the May 30 Budget Committee meeting to delay proposed budget cuts for 6 months and use savings and reserves to fund the shortfall. The commission discussed the impacts of the proposed budget cuts on the Sustainability Office and the Commission.

4. Break

5. FY 14 budget review continued

Commissioners developed a strategy for having input in the FY 14 budget process including: 1) commissioners will attend Budget Committee hearings and provide testimony, and 2) commissioners will submit written comments/testimony to Budget Committee members. Chairwoman Jaworski will provide talking points to commissioners for public testimony and written comments to be submitted to the Budget Committee.

Over the next 6 months the commission will: 1) investigate other city examples of how sustainability programs are structured and funded, 2) look into common ground with other City of Eugene departments/commissions for potential consolidation or collaboration of programs and services.

6. Sub-committee reports

This item was tabled to allow further discussion on the budget.

7. Closing: next meeting, other follow-up

The next commission meeting was scheduled for June 19, 2013.

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

(Recorded by Babe O'Sullivan)