

## MINUTES

Eugene Sustainability Commission  
Atrium Saul Room  
Eugene, Oregon

June 19, 2013  
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathi Jaworski, Sarah Mazze, Steve Newcomb, Shawn Boles, Dawn Lesley, Jessica Bloomfield, Dave Funk, Joanne Gross, Howard Bonnett, Sasha Luftig commissioners.  
Babe O’Sullivan, Matt McRae, City Manager’s Office.

ABSENT: Commissioners Alan Zelenka, Rusty Rexius, Sue Wolling.

Ms. Jaworski called the May 19, 2013, meeting of the Sustainability Commission to order.

### 1. Opening – agenda review, approval of minutes

Agenda items 7 and 8 were reversed.

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

Ms. Mazze, seconded by Ms. Luftig, moved to approve the May 29, 2013 minutes as submitted. Abstaining Lesley, Bonnett. The motion passed, 7:0.

### 2. Public comment

Madeline Smith addressed the commission on the city budget and the need to study alternative money.

New commissioners (Carolyn Stein, Bob DenOuden and Howard Saxion) were introduced and shared information about themselves.

Ms. Bloomfield announced her resignation effective immediately.

### 3. Sub-committee reports

20 Minute Neighborhood sub-committee: committee members suggested that the commission may want to provide a follow-up recommendation to Council, one that narrows focus from last memo.

Carbon pricing sub-committee: Ms. Jaworski will contact Jon Ruiz to prompt the scheduling of the requested work session on climate planning.

The carbon pricing study bill (SB 306) is stuck in the Ways and Means Committee of the state legislature. Commissioners were asked to lobby committee members (Senators Nathanson, Edwards). Staff was asked to check with Lisa Gardner, IGR manager, about lobbying efforts.

Other items: Commissioners felt they should recommend that Council direct the City Manager to have staff make the work of the Live Move group (design of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. corridor) a priority. Commissioners Luftig and Bloomfield offered to draft a letter to Professor Mark Schlossberg in praise of the effort.

Mr. Bonnett, seconded by Ms. Lesley, moved that the commission prepare a letter to council in support of the project. The motion passed, 10:0.

#### **4. FY 13 Work Plan review and update**

Commissioners discussed the work accomplished under the FY 13 work plan. They also discussed the format for the annual report. Committees were asked to prepare summary of what they have done to date and next steps. Staff was asked to check with Lisa Gardner, IGR manager, about status of a joint EWEB-City Council meeting and report back to the commission.

#### **5. Break**

#### **6. FY 13 Work Plan review continued**

Commissioners continued their discussion of the work plan.

#### **7. FY 14 work planning retreat**

Commissioners discussed the issues and concerns they want to address during the upcoming work planning retreat including:

- What are we for, what are we doing and how to be effective?
- Agenda items – strategic focus; who do we need to communicate with, how often, etc.
- Wide vs. deep work plan
- Gross happiness index
- Creating community engagement and a movement to influence city council
- Need to form partnerships with other local organizations to marshal momentum
- Keep pressure on budget committee about maintaining sustainability staff

The commission agreed on the following about the retreat:

- Facilitator: suggestions included Keli Osborn, Robin Hostick, Felicity Fahy, Jason Dedrick
- Time/format: single session from 4-9 PM
- Location: Amazon community center
- Dates: Aug. 1 or Aug 8.

Staff will confirm availability with absent commissioners Zelenka and Wolling.

#### **8. Items from commissioners and staff**

Various commissioners shared updates.

#### **9. Closing: next meeting, other follow-up**

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

Ms. Jaworski adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

*(Recorded by Babe O'Sullivan)*