



## Eugene Sustainability Commission

### MINUTES

Eugene Sustainability Commission  
Atrium, Saul Room  
Eugene, Oregon

May 20, 2015  
5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Howard Bonnett, Joanne Gross, Dawn Lesley, Steve Newcomb, Kevin O'Brien, Justin Overdevest, Howard Saxion, Carolyn Stein, David Tam, Sue Wolling and Alan Zelenka, commissioners. Babe O'Sullivan and Matt McRae, City Manager's Office; Lindsay Selser and Reed Dunbar, Transportation Planning.

**ABSENT:** Shawn Boles, Sasha Luftig, commissioners.

Mr. Saxion called the May 20, 2015 meeting of the Sustainability Commission to order.

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

Mr. Saxion called for corrections or clarifications to the April 15, 2015 minutes.

Mr. Bonnett, seconded by Ms. Lesley, moved to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes as submitted. The motion passed 7:0. Commissioners Stein and Newcomb abstained.

#### **2. Public comment**

No comment was given.

#### **3. Transportation options**

Lindsay Selser with the City of Eugene Transportation Options program gave a presentation on the following program components:

- Sunday Street
- Smart Trips
- Internal Transportation Options plan
- Breakfast at the Bridges
- Community outreach

After questions and discussion with the commission, Ms. Selser stated she would share with the commissioners the methodology reports on the Smart Trips program.

Reed Dunbar with the City of Eugene Transportation Planning program provided a presentation on the Bike Share project currently under development in partnership with the University of Oregon and Lane Transit District.

Kurt Yeiter, also with the City of Eugene Transportation Planning program, provided an update on the development of the Transportation System Plan:

- A review draft for public comment is expected in June.
- The TSP includes goals, policies and the action items to implement them.
- The new version has an emphasis on education and infrastructure to support walking, biking and taking transit.
- The plan is being developed in coordination with the timeline for Envision Eugene. A formal public hearing with the Planning Commission is planned for September for both, with City Council approval near the end of the year.

#### **4. Sub-committee reports**

##### Envision Eugene

The sub-committee met twice in the last month. At the first meeting, Heather O'Donnell, with the City's Planning Department, gave a presentation about Pillar 7, which is focused on the growth monitoring program for Envision Eugene. The program calls for tracking key metrics over time. The sub-committee has questions about why the program only looks at growth and not the rest of the Envision Eugene pillars and what mechanism will be in place to check back in with the community. At the second meeting, the sub-committee identified other key questions that can form the basis of conversation with Planning staff when they present the growth monitoring program to the commission in June (per request from the Technical Resource Group). Ms. O'Sullivan will send out the questions from the sub-committee for the rest of the commission to add/edit. Commissioners reported that the Urban Growth Boundary decision is holding up work on these other aspects of Envision Eugene. A new population forecast creates delay and requires either 1) a whole new analysis, or alternatively, 2) the City could update the process in two years instead of starting over. Councilor Zelenka reported that City Council is currently split about how to go forward.

Mr. Saxion reported on the overlay committee for the Clear Lake Road expansion area which had a 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. There are no further meetings planned, staff will now take it to next phase. A big issue is identifying what type of industry is best for this area and how to preserve large tracts. Other issues include environmental justice and impacts on adjacent areas. Staff has generated a list of inappropriate industries. The process is also raising enforcement issues and how to deal with nuisances. One remedy is to require interested firms to go through a pre-application process to screen them for suitability. There is a need to coordinate early on with LRAPA and other permitting agencies. Staff next steps include: outreach and bringing recommendations to Council in late summer.

##### Adaptation

The sub-committee met and discussed how to use its recently adopted memo with other partner agencies. Members are building an outreach list for this purpose. They also discussed the idea of an op-ed piece suggested at the last commission meeting but found the memo content to be too "wonkie" in its current form and unlikely to get published, so they have tabled that suggestion. Councilor Zelenka suggested that they could pre-screen the memo with the Register Guard to gauge interest.

Councilor Zelenka shared that he had met recently with the Governor's natural resources advisor. The state is in the process of updating the 2010 adaptation plan and involving the Global Warming

Commission (of which he is a member). He recommended the Tillamook County plan as a good example for Lane County.

#### Carbon Fee

The sub-committee met and discussed HB 3470 that would establish a cap and trade program. The bill was to be heard in the Rules Committee with an expectation that it would be sent on to Ways and Means.

#### Transportation

The sub-committee did not meet as they are waiting for Transportation System Plan draft to be released.

Ms. Wolling reported that she had attended meetings for the MovingAhead project and she encouraged other commissioners to attend the meetings and participate in the survey. The project is aimed at streamlining the process in order to speed up expansion of the transit system.

#### Sustainable Economic Development (SED)

The sub-committee has been focused on promoting opportunities for the food sector to City Council. There is interest in understanding the needs from Glory Bee, Grain Millers and other existing stakeholders and a meeting is planned, hosted by Willamette Farm and Food Coalition. The discussion at the meeting will focus on whether a food hub helps with the needs of existing food businesses and what this suggests for activities in Clear Lake Road area. The concept of a food hub was discussed with commissioners reporting that it may include: distribution, processing, retail, product development and testing, or an incubator.

### **5. Retreat planning**

The commission decided on two sessions for the FY 16 work planning retreat to be held on the following dates:

July 28 – 5-9 PM

August 19 – 5-9 PM

### **6. Break**

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

Councilor Zelenka shared that reuse and recycling during the demolition of the old city hall is exceeding 95%. The demolition process revealed construction practices that would have prevented a rebuild option.

As an outgoing commissioner, Mr. Newcomb said his goodbyes and shared a message of appreciation.

Commissioner Bonnett asked about the status of the commission's memo on carbon pricing and how it was influencing city lobbying for HB 3470. Staff confirmed that the City Council action on a carbon pricing resolution established this as a position of support for HB 3470 and city lobbying efforts were directed accordingly.

Commissioner Stein provided information on the status of the Clean Fuels program, stating that the Oregon Environmental Council website has information.

**8. Closing**

Mr. Saxion adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

*Recorded by Babe O'Sullivan*