



Eugene Sustainability Commission

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Atrium, Saul Room
Eugene, Oregon

April 19, 2017
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Howard Saxion, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas Price, Art Farley, Jennifer Hayward, Sue Wolling, Brittany Quick-Warner, Zach Mulholland. Ethan Nelson-staff, Chelsea Clinton-staff

ABSENT: Eben Fodor, Councilor Alan Zelenka, Ralph McDonald

Opening

- Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.
- No quorum present.

Public Comment

Meesha Goldberg, Caitlin Bowman, Maria Bybee, Sophie Bybee, Theresa Black Owl, Laszlo Kojak, Chris Schafer, Lonnie Marks, Michael Carrigan, Andy White. All testified to urge the Commissioners to make a recommendation that the City divest from US Bank due to its investment in the Dakota, Enbridge, and Keystone Pipelines.

Public comment concludes at 5:55pm. Commissioners Quick-Warner and Mulholland arrived during public comment. Quorum present.

Committee Business

- Chair recognized Councilor Emily Semple was present and invited her to participate in the meeting.
- Reviewed Agenda. Added agenda item to discuss divestiture from US Bank at end of the meeting. No other additions. It stands approved.
- Minutes from March meeting reviewed. Change wording to "inclusionary" zoning. Add more information to "Protection for Individuals Ordinance" clarification. Motion to approve minutes, seconded and approved unanimously.

Presentation – Urban Forestry, City of Eugene (Scott Altenhoff and Chris Girard)

Break

7:10pm

Updates from City Council and the Legislature

- Transportation Service Plan (TSP) update. Council work session scheduled for May.
- Legislative updates- HB 2004 (renter protection), HB 2710 (energy use, buildings, and electric vehicles), Tiny homes, HB 3157 (vehicles for hire), transportation package, Moving Ahead, carbon cap and reinvestment, Department of Energy and Climate proposal.
- Steve Baker from the Planning Commission gave an update on the UGB adoption process.

Process of filling vacancies on the commission

Applications are being sent to council for all boards and commissions. About 30 positions open with about 130 applications. Interviews scheduled for May 15th and May 17th. Applicants will have 3 minutes to give a statement. Decisions expected in June. Council has the ability to directly reappoint existing members.

Process for chair and vice chair elections

Howard reviewed expectations for the chair and vice chair positions and explained that elections will happen in July once new commissioners have been appointed. Commissioners discussed challenges and opportunities for the commission in the upcoming year.

Divestiture from US Bank Topic from Public Comment

Commissioners discussed next steps in considering a recommendation to Council regarding divestiture from US Bank. Motion to wait for more information from staff, seconded, approved 6-0-2.

Closing

Commissioner Saxion adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.
Recorded by Chelsea Clinton