



## MINUTES

Eugene Sustainability Commission  
Atrium, Saul Room  
Eugene, Oregon

October 18, 2017  
5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Howard Saxion, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas Price, Ralph McDonald, Art Farley, Sue Wolling, Doug Edwards, Kelsey Zlevor, Dana Furgerson, Chelsea Clinton-staff.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Alan Zelenka, Jennifer Hayward, Zach Mulholland

### Opening

- Meeting called to order by Commissioner O'Brien at 5:32.
- The Commission welcomed Commissioner Furgerson. All commissioners gave a quick introduction.
- No changes to the agenda. Moved to approved as written, seconded, and passed (9-0).
- Motion to approve September meeting minutes as written. Add detail around friendly amendment and fix typos from Commissioner O'Brien. Moved, seconded, and passed (8-0-1). Commissioner Furgerson abstained.
- Motion to approve FY17 Annual Report. Moved, seconded, approved (8-0-1)

### Public Comment

- Heather Sielicki spoke about the interest in exploring missing middle housing. She asked Commission to move forward with recommendation to Planning Department. She would like to take it to NLC to see if they would support it.
- Kris McCalister is a member of the Poverty and Homeless Board and Springfield Shelter Rights, but he did not speak on those organizations' behalf. He was a homeless youth and was able to get on his feet through help from community services. He believes ADUs would add more options for people needing shelter.
- David Wade is a housing consultant and part of a group called Tiny Houses Tiny Villages. He spoke in favor of cottage cluster developments and supported the Commission's proposal on small and tiny houses.
- Carol Crawford reported she was the founder of Tiny Houses Tiny Villages. She is concerned about younger older folks, whom she called "yelders". She sees benefits of tiny houses for this and other populations. She asked the Commission to change the word in its proposal from "wheels" to "towable." She expressed support for the Commission's proposal.

Commissioner O'Brien introduced Niken Prawestiti, a young professional from Indonesia visiting Eugene through an international exchange program. She spoke about the Green Cities initiative in Indonesia.

### **Review Climate Committee Proposals and Work**

Commissioner Farley introduced the topic and proposal for Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Homes. Commissioners discussed the proposal. Suggestions to amend the proposal included:

1. Adding the wiring, not just the conduit.
2. Add a little more information on what it requires to be EV Ready.

#### ***Motion:***

Commissioner Saxion moved the Commission accept the EV Ready policy as put forth in proposal with the suggested amendments.

Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion. Approved (9-0).

Commissioners agreed that Commissioner O'Brien present the proposal as part of the City Council Work Session on 10/23.

Commissioner Saxion gave an update on Home Energy Score Meeting. Commissioner Farley moved that the Climate Committee have an extra month to put together a proposal. Commissioner Saxion seconded. Approved 9-0.

### **Break**

### **Review Tiny House Committee Proposal**

Commissioner McDonald introduced the topic and proposal. The Commission discussed the proposal. Commissioners suggested numerous syntax and wording edits.

#### ***Motion:***

Commissioner Price moved to incorporate the minor changes discussed, and present the Tiny Home proposal to City Council.

Seconded by Commissioner Farley. Approved (9-0).

Discussion of the presentation of proposals passed.

#### ***Motion:***

Commissioner Saxion moved to allow Commissioner Farley and Commissioner McDonald to present the proposals on behalf of the Commission to City Council.

Seconded by Commissioner Wolling. Approved (9-0).

### **City Council Update**

Chelsea listed the upcoming topics on the Council's working agenda including the Ordinance Concerning State Traffic Laws, Appointments to the Riverfront Renewal Guides

for Riverfront Urban Renewal Plan, Library Levy, Fireworks, Parks and Recreation System Plan, and the Climate Recovery Ordinance.

### **Staff and Commissioner Updates**

- Chelsea gave an update on the USDN Responsible Event Workshop and facilitation training.
- Commissioner Saxion spoke about the looming crisis on recyclables. He would like more information on what will happen given the recent change in what China will accept.
- Commissioner Wolling gave an update on the River Road /Santa Clara meeting.

### **Proposals for New Committees**

The topic of starting work on the CEAP item on the work plan was introduced. Commissioners discussed the idea of creating an outreach list. Chelsea noted that staff will have an outreach plan developed with the project team. The Commission's work will need to be cross walked with the project team's work.

#### ***Motion:***

Commissioner Farley moved to form a committee that identifies possible organizations that the Commission could reach out to as part of the CEAP process with a particular eye toward equity. The committee should also come back with ideas about how the Commission might do outreach, giving several options with different levels of commitment. The committee will meet at most two times.

Seconded by Commissioner Saxion. Approved 9-0.

Temporary Chair: Commissioner Farley. Members: Commissioners Farley, Furgerson, Zlevor, Saxion, Price and O'Brien.

#### ***Motion:***

Commissioner Wolling moved that the Sustainability Commission create a Committee to research what other City groups (City Council, Housing Policy Board, Lane County Poverty and Homelessness Board, Eugene Planning Department, Eugene Planning Commission) are already doing to address barriers to sustainable housing in Eugene. This proposal would help the Commission move ahead on Work Plan Item #3, Housing. The Committee would report back to the Commission with a summary of its findings, as well as any recommendations concerning next steps appropriate for the Sustainability Commission to take to address Eugene's housing problem. This committee would be expected to meet three times, and submit its report to the Commission by February, 2018.

Seconded by Commissioner Price. Approved 9-0.

Temporary Chair: Commissioner Wolling. Members: Commissioners McDonald, Edwards, Zlevor and Wolling.

Meeting adjourned 8:04pm.  
- Recorded by Chelsea Clinton.