



Eugene Sustainability Commission

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Atrium, Saul Room
Eugene, Oregon

November 15, 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, Ethan Nelson-staff. Zach Mulholland Councilor Alan Zelenka

ABSENT: Jennifer Hayward,

Opening

- Meeting called to order by Commissioner O'Brien at 5:35.
- No changes to the agenda. Moved to approved as written, seconded, and passed (9-0).
- Motion to approve October meeting minutes with small changes that Sue provided to Chelsea. Moved, seconded, and passed (9-0).

Envision Eugene Presentation

Terri Harding, City of Eugene Planning Staff provided a short update on the Envision Eugene program. Questions/response included:

- Howard: Will there be a technical committee on the monitoring piece? Yes and will include a representative from the SC.
- Zach: Questions about the SDC incentive program. Focused on compact development and SDU approaches. 50% in transportation SDC for SDUs.
- Ralph: Is the proposed SDC reduction a flat or tiered approach? Flat.
 - What is the difference between the South Willamette and the River Road Santa Clara projects? Terry responded scale, more direct collaboration with the Neighborhood Association resulting in a project charter, and more communication tools.
- Sue: Questions about implementation of SB1051. City is in the thick of it and the SC can weigh in when we are moving to public comment.
- Thomas: asked to have the climate infographic sent out to the Commission.

Public Comment

None

Review Climate Committee Proposals and Work

Zach provided a brief overview of the Climate Committee's proposal to advance a mandatory Home Energy Score to City Council.

Discussion ensued. Initial motion put forth by Commissioner McDonald.

Discussion:

- Why is this addressed to City Council and PHB? Linkage with housing affordability equation, offered to provide them a carbon copy, rather than in the 'To' section. Sue provided a friendly amendment to remove PHB and add them as a copy. Ralph accepted.

Motion:

- Commissioner McDonald moved the Commission to adopt the proposal.
- Commissioner Farley seconded the motion. Approved with friendly amendment. (11-0).

Follow up: How to deliver this to Council? Zach will provide the recommendation to the City Council on the next opportunity for public comment (11/27 meeting). Chair and Vice Chair will send it to Mayor and Council prior to the 27th as well.

Break (6:40-6:55)

Kelsey left at 6:55pm

Council Communications and upcoming items.

Alan gave an update on the CRO/CEAP update on 11/22 and the follow up 11/27 Supplemental Budget meeting to vote on funding. Discussed the findings from the Parks and Recreation System update survey, identifying citizens' highest topics of interest (in order) as homelessness, health care, climate change, and housing."

On 11/20, there is a discussion at Council regarding the Auditor work group.

Discussed the Council's discussions regarding Boards and Commissions and the liaison work/cross commission opportunities.

Zach asked for clarity about how to get a work session poll on recommended actions.

Staff and Commissioner Updates

- Ethan provided updates on the CRO/CEAP, Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) meeting (speaker was the author of Drawdown), HPB (Construction Excise Tax), and the Governor's climate and energy related Executive Orders.
- Art provided update on the CEAP Committee meeting. Their decision was to reconvene in February or March when staff has more information available, and see at that time what roles/opportunities exist for SC involvement.
- Commissioner Updates

- Howard-volunteered to be the Liaison to Budget Committee. He is on the mailing list now. Mayor and CC wanted more transparency in the budget process.
- Zach-a LRAPA is updating rules involving levels of toxic particulates and large GHG emissions, but will not vote until January.
- Kevin: shared presentation schedule for Jan/Feb/March.
 - Jan: Materials Management overview. City and County.
 - Feb: TSP Implementation and Bike Share update
 - March: Equitable Outreach
 - Neighborhoods 101 on 11/29 in the evening at the Library-SC has two seats reserved, just let Kevin know if you would like to attend.
 - Chelsea has done website updates for Commission. Take a look. Also updated the Liaison Report Template.
 - Liaison reports are due by end of the year.
 - No December Meeting. But if there is an interest in informal gathering-go for it.
- Thomas: unable to make the Toxics Board liaison meeting. Attended the Lane County PHB meeting.
- Sue: the Housing committee met. Came up with strategy for outreach to other commissions/committees for gathering information. Sue also announced that there is a Better Housing Together Summit at the UO on Feb. 21 from 5-7 pm.
- Zach-Housing Policy Board question? Ralph has attended recent subcommittee meetings, HPB is glad to have SC involvement and interested in working together.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 pm.

- Recorded by Ethan Nelson.