



## MINUTES

Eugene Sustainability Commission  
Atrium, Saul Room  
Eugene, Oregon

April 18, 2018  
5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Howard Saxion, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas Price, Ralph McDonald, Art Farley, Sue Wolling, Doug Edwards, Councilor Emily Semple, Zach Mulholland, Jon Kloor, Kelsey Zlevor, Dana Furgerson, and Chelsea Clinton-staff.

**Absent:** Jennifer Hayward

### Opening

- Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm by Chair O'Brien.
- Commissioner Kloor declared a potential conflict of interest because he works for Northwest Natural.
- **Agenda Review.** Commissioner Saxion moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald. Approved unanimously. (11-0).
- **March Minutes Review.** Commissioner McDonald asked to include notes about Councilor Semple asking to change her vote to a yes vote for Wildlife Feeding Committee and the Chair declaring the vote had already closed. Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the minutes with edits suggested. Seconded by Commissioner Furgerson. Approved (11-0).
- Audience members asked to sign-up for public comment. The sign-up for public comment closed at the start of the meeting.

### Public Comment

Julie Tanit spoke in support of trap, neuter, return programs. She explained she understood that the ordinance being considered at Council did not include any restrictions on cat feeding. She offered her assistance around the rodent control issue.

Michael Gannon said he was upset that public comment period was cut short last meeting. He also expressed frustration with the speaker topic last meeting and the City's track record with inclusive outreach.

Commissioner Mulholland arrived at 5:43 pm.

### Commissioner Response to Public Comment.

- Commissioner McDonald thanked Michael for his testimony and acknowledged his efforts to make the community a better place.

- Councilor Semple thanked folks for coming for public comment. She offered feedback on when to stop accepting names for public comment, suggesting that it could be extended to five minutes after the meeting begins.
- Councilor Furgerson also asked to have the sign up period for public comment period to five minutes after meeting begins.
- Commissioner Wolling asked Commissioners to send their thoughts and suggestions on how the public comment period should function to Commissioner O'Brien and her.

### Presentation: Northwest Natural Gas Low Carbon Pathway

Presentation given by Shanna Brownstein.

### Break

Commissioner Kloor left the meeting.

### Council Update

Councilor Semple gave an update on the following topics:

- EV Ready Home proposal. City Council Work Session schedule for 4/25.
- Home Energy Score Work Session. City Council Work Session is not currently scheduled. Council is working to understand the interaction of all policies that may impact housing and address them together, rather than as individual items.
- Wildlife Feeding Work Session is scheduled for 4/25. Councilor Semple will vote against an ordinance banning feeding. Look for the public hearing on the ordinance.
- The City purchased the EWEB Riverfront property. At this time, the City is negotiating with developers, who might purchase the property. If it goes through, that will likely happen in June.
- Rideshare had a public hearing. Public outcry for rideshare is huge. It looks like it will pass.
- Council received an update on Moving Ahead. They hope to finalize the plan by the end of the year.

### Committee Proposals, Updates, and Recommendations

#### Banking RFP Committee Recommendation Review

- Commissioner Saxion gave a summary of the Committee's work and recommendation. Discussion and questions followed.
- Commission Price expressed frustration with process and short timeline for this work.

### Motion

**Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the recommendation as written. Seconded by Commissioner Farley. The motion passed (11-0).**

#### Climate Action Plan Neighborhood Outreach Committee Proposal

- Chelsea gave an overview of the proposed Committee.

- Commissioner Wolling asked that the scope be broadened from Neighborhood Associations to the neighborhoods. Commissioner Price asked to include others like the faith community in the outreach. Chelsea agreed that the scope could be broadened. The Commission and staff can coordinate and work out a plan that makes sense.

**Motion**

**Commissioner Mulholland moved to form the Committee. Commissioner Farley seconded the motion. Approved (11-0).**

- Committee Structure:
  - o Chair: Commissioner Price
  - o Members: Commissioners Farley, Furgerson, Wolling, Zlevor, and Price
  - o Length: 6 months (Ends in September)
  - o Number of meetings: Maximum of 6

**Urban Wildlife and Habitat Committee**

- Commissioner McDonald introduced the proposed committee.
- Discussion about the scope ensued. Some Commissioners felt the initial scope was too broad.

**Motion**

**Commissioner Mulholland moves to form a two month committee to research and provide feedback on the proposed feeding ban ordinance. Seconded by Councilor Semple. Motion passed (8-1-2).**

- Commissioners Wolling, McDonald, Price, Farley Semple, Edwards, Furgerson, and Mulholland in favor. Commissioner O’Brien opposed. Commissioners Saxion and Zlevor abstained.
- Committee Structure:
  - o Chair: Commissioner McDonald
  - o Members: Commissioners Furgerson, Price, and McDonald
  - o Length: 2 months (Ends in June)
  - o Number of Meetings: Maximum of 4

**Riverfront Committee Report**

- Commissioner Mulholland gave a summary of the first meeting. Staff gave a presentation and provided information about when the public will have the opportunity to give input on the EWEB Riverfront Property. The public participation points happen when code changes are needed.
- The next meeting will focus on the development of recommendations around the EWEB Riverfront property.
- The group is also working on learning more about the University of Oregon North Campus project.

## Updates from Commissioners and Staff

- Staff Updates
  - o Given the large number of Committees, staff will no longer be attending all Committee meetings. Committee Chairs need to reach out to Chelsea to schedule meetings and make sure public notice requirements are fulfilled.
  - o Chelsea will provide a committee meeting notes template.
- Commissioner Updates
  - o Commissioner Mulholland said he was frustrated the Commission wasn't notified or consulted on the changes to the recycling rules in Eugene, especially because of the existing "Trash Committee" work. He was concerned the public wasn't given enough notice.
  - o Commissioner Wolling said she was not surprised about the rule change based on information through events like the City Club presentation earlier this year. She also thought it was part of the contract with waste haulers and could be changed if there is no market for recyclables.
  - o Commissioner O'Brien recommended the book *The Beast in the Garden* which examines the chain effects of habitat change.
  - o Commissioner McDonald spoke about food products packaged in plastic. It's possible to buy eggs in cardboard containers. It's very difficult to find yogurt. He said he would like Eugene to be a leader in finding solutions to this issue.
  - o Commissioner Saxion spoke about Carolyn Stein's op-ed in the Register Guard. He will send it out to the Commission.
  - o Commissioner Furgerson spoke about the Waste Reduction Committee's work. She referenced the R3 report presented to Lane County Board of Commissioners in March.

Adjourned at 8:07pm

Recorded by Chelsea Clinton