



Eugene Sustainability Commission

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Atrium, Saul Room
Eugene, Oregon

January 16, 2019
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kelsey Zlevor, Greg Ringer, Howard Saxion, Ralph McDonald, Sue Wolling, Jon Kloor, Kevin O'Brien, Doug Edwards, Art Farley, Thomas Price, Zach Mulholland, Councilor Emily Semple, and Mark Nystrom - staff

ABSENT: Jennifer Hayward

Opening

- Chair Zlevor called the meeting to order
- Agenda Review. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve and Commissioner Farley seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Commissioner Saxton moved to approve the October's Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Farley. Approved 6-0-3. Commissioners Farley, Edwards, and Kloor abstained.

Public Comment

Mark Robinowitz discussed an earthquake in Alaska and the potential of the Alaska pipeline destruction. He continued to discuss the potential perils of the Alaska pipeline. He referenced postcarbon.org. He also discussed state legislative work on coal based methane.

Linda Heyl discussed her concerns:

1. She discussed the Good Company memo
2. She mentioned the impending Good Company Gaps memo
3. She mentioned Eugene350s concerns about the equity panel, the poorly attended public meetings, and the outreach
4. She also mentioned that the TSP is only action item that brings down greenhouse gas emissions.

Deb McGee read a poem that discussed her concerns about the CAP2.0.

Jim Ball discussed his concerns regarding the City's rushing to electrification as a solution to the problem. Does EWEB have the capacity to handle electrification of 20,000 cars and 30,000 homes? He also is concerned about the Trump administration's proposal to privatize the Bonneville Administration.

Linda Kelley discussed 350 Eugene's "Let's Talk Solutions! A 350 Eugene Event." She asked the Commission to attend.

Public Comment Response from Commissioners

Commissioner McDonald suggested that the Sustainability Commission cosponsor the Let's Talk Solutions! Event.

Commissioner Farley also suggested that the Sustainability Commission cosponsor the Let's Talk Solutions! Event.

Councilor Semple thanked everyone for providing comment.

New Committee Proposals

A proposal to review the Working Agreements was discussed.

Motion

Commissioner Wolling moved to approve the proposal to create a Working Agreements Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Mulholland. Approved unanimously (11-0).

Committee Details:

- Chair: Commissioner Zlevor
- Members: Commissioners O'Brien, Wolling, Price
- Meetings: Would start up quickly, a maximum of four meetings with recommendations for the February Commission meeting.

Council update

Councilor Semple updated the Commission on the work of the Council:

- Single Use Plastic Ban was moved to another work session. She suggested the commission write a letter in support. She suggested that the City needs to take bold steps.
- Home Energy Score—with so many pieces moving at the state, the Council decided to wait until the CAP 2.0 report.
- Shelter TAC report—the non-profit Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) released its final feasibility study and homeless services system analysis for Lane County and City Council is having a meeting next Monday to discuss. The report discusses the need for a 75 bed facility.
- Transportation—Moving Ahead.
- Sustainability Commission is up in February for a Council update. *(this has since been rescheduled)*

Council McDonald suggested that the Commission recycle the letter supporting the single use plastic ban from the previous year.

Commissioner Price suggested that the commission contribute items to the “pro” list for the pros and cons of a single use plastics ban.

Commissioner McDonald suggested that Karyn Kaplan, Sarah Grimm, and Michael Wisth speak on the single use plastics issue.

Commissioner Mulholland asked about the upcoming City Council agenda items. Mark Nystrom provided a quick rundown of the upcoming schedule.

Commissioner Wolling asked the Commission to think about how to solve some of the equity concerns related to a single-use plastics ban that the Council brought up. She also brought up the food waste reduction discussion.

Commissioner Saxion encouraged Commission to watch the single use plastics conversation. He also suggested that we work with Rexius and the restaurant owners. On the Home Energy Score he mentioned that the state is standardizing the energy scoring method.

Commissioner McDonald moved add a preamble to the Commission’s previous single-use plastic letter, stating *“The Sustainability Commission was pleased to see the Eugene City Council work session earlier today that considered a ban on serving food in single-use polystyrene or other plastic containers and with plastic utensils, unless those items are compostable or recyclable in Eugene. We urge the City Manager and Mayor to schedule the agreed upon second work session as soon as possible, thereby maintaining the momentum established and allowing a public hearing on a proposal to be held in a timely manner..”* Councilor Semple seconded. Vote—all in favor.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Mark provided an update on the CAP 2.0 Update. Commissioner Mulholland asked some clarification questions about the best way to provide feedback. Commissioner Wolling suggested that the Sustainability Commission create a committee to provide feedback to the Council. Commissioner Mulholland, Edwards, and Saxion all asked clarifying questions.

Commissioner McDonald provided an update of the Food Waste Committee. They met once and are working on scheduling a second meeting. They have several themes that they are working on and he suggested the Commission review the notes that were distributed.

Commissioner Saxion discussed the TSP committee. They are meeting with City staff next week to discuss the implementation strategy for the TSP.

Commissioner Price informed the Commission that he had been absent because of a personal accident.

Commissioner Wolling asked Mark to look into Liaison reports.

Adjourned 6:55 p.m.
Recorded by Mark Nystrom

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