



## Eugene Sustainability Commission

### MINUTES

Eugene Sustainability Commission  
Atrium, Saul Room  
Eugene, Oregon

February 20, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Sue Wolling, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas Price, Ralph McDonald, Art Farley, Greg Ringer, Zach Mulholland, Jennifer Hayward, Doug Edwards, Jon Kloor, Howard Saxion, Mark Nystrom – staff, and Elena Domingo-staff

**ABSENT:** Kelsey Zlevor, Councilor Emily Semple

#### Opening

- Vice Chair Wolling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Elena Domingo was acknowledged, she will be helping staff during Chelsea Clinton's absence.
- Agenda Review. Commissioner Saxion moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Edwards seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Commissioner Wolling addressed corrections made to the minutes since the agenda went out. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the January Meeting Minutes with corrections and Commissioner Price seconded. Approved unanimously.

#### Public Comment

Shasha Li addressed the commission and asked if she could film the meeting for a documentary and see if the members of the public at the meeting would consent to being filmed. Commissioners were okay with her asking the audience and everyone agreed to being filmed.

Jim Neu thanked the commission for establishing the CAP Review Committee to make recommendations for the CAP 2.0 and gap strategies. He expressed concerns regarding the reporting of consumption-based emissions and asked questions about the plan for filling the gaps, and what else besides Large Lever Shareholder information will go into the CAP. He thanked the commissioners for their personal time in contributing to the Active Transportation Plan.

Jim Ball asked commissioners to change their recommendations to City Council regarding the Northwest Natural Franchise Agreement and their conclusion equating renewable energy with electricity. EWEB advocates for smart electrification and using natural gas will actually help us meet our goals.

## Public Comment Response from Commissioners

Commissioner McDonald mentioned the Climate Town Hall put on by 350 Eugene tomorrow night and thanked them for putting this event on.

## Eugene Climate Action Plan 2.0 Forecast Memo and Gaps List Presentation

Aaron Toney with Good Company presented information and data from November's Large Lever Shareholder meetings, the Gaps Memo, and the 2017 Sector Based Emissions Inventory. Commissioners preferred to ask questions during the presentation as opposed to after.

Commissioners asked questions related to building fuel use, the Transportation System Plan, electric vehicles, food consumption, cap and trade, refrigerants, etc. Ethan Nelson reminded the commission that the options presented are technical options and are not necessarily recommended or realistic. Mark Nystrom wanted everyone to keep in mind that we have been talking about mitigation, but that adaptation is a large part of preparing for the effects of climate change and something we can help our community do.

Commissioner Edwards asked for a copy of the slides and Mark said he would email them out.

## Break

## Committee Reports

### Working Agreement Revisions Committee

Commissioner Wolling gave the committee update. The committee has met once and agreed on a number of simple modifications to the working agreements. The committee will need another meeting or two to work on a few trickier points before bringing updates forward to the Commission.

### Food Waste Committee

Commissioner McDonald gave the committee update. The committee met on February 6<sup>th</sup> and Michael Wisth with the City of Eugene gave an informative and encouraging presentation. The food waste pilot program will be expanded this summer/fall to include curbside food waste pickup for the whole city. There will be some work to educate around this program. Mark will email out the notes from this meeting. The next meeting is on February 27<sup>th</sup> and at that meeting the committee will set a timeline for their report.

### Natural Gas Committee

Commissioner Mulholland talked about the City Council work session in January regarding the gap analysis and how Northwest Natural fits into that. The City Council and EWEB had a joint work session and also discussed natural gas. Commissioner Mulholland said it would be worth it for the committee to meet again to talk about any changes as the conversation continues to move forward. Mark said there is a joint meeting with City Council and NWN tentatively scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Kloor made a motion to extend NWNG committee until after the joint meeting and Commissioner Farley seconded. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner Wolling asked if any other committees had updates. Commissioner Mulholland said that the Transportation System Plan Committee should have another meeting to find out where things are with the TSP.

### New Committee Proposals

#### CAP 2.0 Review Committee Proposal

Commissioner Mulholland summarized the proposal. The gap analysis came out and the draft of CAP will be coming out within the next few weeks. It seems like the Commission can have some valuable input on reviewing and making suggestions to bring back to the Large Lever Shareholders (LLS) and can talk with staff about the most appropriate time to weigh-in on the work products.

Commissioner Kloor asked Mark how much information will be available to City Council between now and summer. Mark said that sustainability staff are not currently scheduled on the City Council agenda before summer break and the next LLS meeting is scheduled for June.

Commissioner Mulholland is interested in a committee that would assess the gap analysis. Commissioner Hayward said it is important for the Sustainability Commission to comment on the LLS actions.

Mark suggested that the committee focus on the pathway City Council is taking, not providing feedback directly to the LLS, though the City can ask these organizations to take more action. Mark said that the Sustainability Commission bylaws allow for a committee to be created now even though action may not be taken until April.

### Motion

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the proposal and form the CAP 2.0 Review Committee and Commissioner Mulholland seconded. Approved unanimously.

#### Committee Details:

- Chair: Commissioner Mulholland
- Members: Commissioners Mulholland, Kloor, Saxion, Edwards, and Price
- Meetings: Mulholland will send out a Doodle poll for first meeting

### Work Plan Review

This item may have been carried over from a previous agenda. The work plan is not in front of commissioners right now and no one is going to be able to effectively talk about it. It will be sent out for review to talk about at next meeting.

## Council Update

Councilor Semple is at the Budget Committee meeting tonight. Mark passed along a message from her to let everyone know that the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) included GHG emissions this year. Commissioner Mulholland asked about the timeline for the CIP because the commission may want to review and comment on the CIP this year.

## Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Commissioner McDonald went to the Toxics Board meeting and will email the report to Mark to send out electronically.

Mark Nystrom had staff updates: The single-use plastics ban will be coming to City Council on March 11. There is currently a bill in the state legislature that would ban polystyrene statewide if passed. There are three other state bills associated with plastic straw bans. The joint City Council meeting with NWN is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Sustainability Commission Update to City Council has not yet been rescheduled.

On Friday at Springfield City Hall there will be a state legislative hearing for the Clean Energy Jobs bill from 12-3pm.

The University of Oregon is having a Climate Change Symposium on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Mulholland asked if there was a timeline for home energy scores. Mark said there has not been a follow-up meeting scheduled.

## Adjourned 7:38pm

Recorded by Elena Domingo