



Eugene Sustainability Commission

MINUTES

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Atrium, Saul Room
Eugene, Oregon

June 19, 2019
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kelsey Zlevor, Sue Wolling, Howard Saxion, Doug Edwards, Ralph McDonald, Jon Kloor, Art Farley, Thomas Price, Zach Mulholland, Kevin O'Brien, Chelsea Clinton – staff, Mark Nystrom – staff, and Elena Domingo-staff

ABSENT: Councilor Emily Semple, Greg Ringer, Jennifer Hayward

Opening

- Chair Zlevor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Chair Zlevor welcomed Laura Allen, future Sustainability Commission member
- Agenda Review. Commissioner Farley moved to add polystyrene conversation to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner McDonald. Passes unanimously. (Mulholland arrived after vote).
- Minutes Approval. Commissioner Saxion moved to approve the May meeting minutes and Commissioner Kloor seconded. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Brad Foster: Thrilled that having equity panel. Small suggestion – look for census tracks that are high concentration of poverty. Missed by not targeting people who are living poor or living amongst the poor.

Betty Grant: Member of citizens Climate Lobby. Focused on creating the political will to pass effective climate legislation. She discussed HB 263 – US Congress. Members of Lane County chapter of citizens climate lobby working towards asking the City of Eugene to support this piece of legislation. Betty summarized the bill and further information is available on the web.

Public Comment Response from Commissioners

Commissioner Price stated this group (the Sustainability Commission) didn't get to author who was on the equity panel. His opinion is that there is definitely an inequity in the City's equity panel.

Commissioner Muholland asked if City has position on pricing at the federal level. Staff replied that the City does not.

Commissioner McDonald stated that there is a disparity in City response to neighborhoods, parks, access to solar, etc.

Equity Panel Presentation

Luis Pablo Alvarez, Environmental and Climate Justice Coordinator Eugene/Springfield NAACP presented the recommendations from the Equity Panel that are attached to these minutes. He discussed the meeting organizations, the process the Equity Panel went through to develop the recommendations, and the process of approving the recommendations. Several commissioners asked questions and challenged the recommendations and Mr. Alvarez explained and defended the recommendations.

Committee Reports

Working Agreement Revisions Committee

Commissioner Wolling provided a quick review of last month's working agreement revisions. There were a number of small changes proposed, including designating committees to do TBL analysis, a strategy for taking committee proposals to City Council, and adding a process for time-sensitive information when there isn't time for information to go through the Sustainability Commission's normal process. These additions clarify how things move through the Sustainability Commission.

Commissioner Saxion moved to adopt the revised working agreements, seconded by Commissioner Edwards. Passed Unanimously.

CAP 2.0 Review Committee

Commissioner Mulholland stated that the CAP2.0 Committee would make recommendations on the [Gap Strategies](#). Additionally, he asked that City staff be present at the meetings. Commissioners Mulholland, Saxion, Edwards, Wolling, Price, Kloor have all stated interest in participating.

Polystyrene Ban Recommendation Letter Discussion

The letter intention was to thank the Council for discouraging plastics on state level but now that that effort failed, the Council should take action.

Motion to approve letter: Commissioner Saxion, seconded by Commissioner McDonald, A friendly amendment adding a "thank you" was discussed and the Commission approved unanimously.

Commissioner Farley will send letter and present at Council on June 24th.

Council Update

Councilor Semple was unable to attend the meeting.

Updates from Commissioners and Staff

Chelsea Clinton gave updates on the website, CAP2.0. She noted elections at the next SC Meeting. She also asked if folks were interested in exploring different meeting locations and would like to participate on the Environmental Bus Tour. Commissioners were interested in both.

Commissioner Saxion gave an update from the Envision Eugene TAC.

Mark Nystrom noted the 350 event (Waterwise Homes) and Electric Drive Test Event sponsored by EWEB.

Recognition for outgoing Commissioners

Commissioners Price, Wolling, and Hayward were thanked for their service on the Commission.

Adjourned 7:30pm

Recorded by Chelsea Clinton