



Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

Saul Room, Atrium Building, 3rd Floor

99 W. 10th Ave., Eugene

Sustainability Commissioners In Attendance: Chair-Kelsey Zlevor, Howard Saxion, Ralph McDonald, Zach Mulholland, Art Farley, Kevin O'Brien, Greg Ringer, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Julia Johnson, and Councilor Emily Semple

Staff: Chelsea Clinton, Mark Nystrom

Absent: Doug Edwards, Jon Kloor

Starting time

Chair Zlevor called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made.

Action item: approve agenda

Moved: Howard Saxion

Seconded: Kevin O'Brien

All in favor

Action item: approve minutes from June Meeting

Moved: Ralph McDonald

Seconded: Kevin Obrien

Vote In Favor: Zlevor, McDonald, Mulholland, Saxion, Farley, O'Brien

Abstained: Allen, Johnson, Semple, de Heer, Ringer

Public comment:

Jim Ball provided comments on the Equity Panel presentation. He complimented the work of the Equity Panel but felt it was lacking the mitigation of carbon and its impacts on underrepresented groups. He discussed the impact of mitigation costs on the income of low income, for example increasing the price of natural gas on constrained income families.

Commissioner response to public comment

Commissioner Saxion thanked Mr. Ball and responded that the Commission is trying to provide a TBL analysis on each of the recommendations.

Councilor Semple also thanked Mr. Ball and encouraged Mr. Ball that they were aware of that.

Commissioner Johnson agreed that we need to work using the TBL when presenting items to the council.

Chair Zlevor has been thinking a lot about the Commission's role in TBL and would like to have more listening sessions in the future.

Council communications and upcoming items

Councilor Semple explained that she has been double booked the past few months. She is excited about the new Councilors joining us. She mentioned that NWN is on next week's agenda.

Councilor Semple mentioned that she hoped to delay the vote for four to six months and she said she agreed with Matt McRae and Josh Scov's letter to council.

She also mentioned that Council discussed the downtown Riverfront development.

Commissioner Saxion stated that he would like to see a workgroup that would include various stakeholders get together to discuss what to do. He is concerned that staff are going to decide what to do behind closed doors.

Councilor Semple stated she will pass on that suggestion to the Council. She believes that the ad hoc committee is a good idea.

Commissioner Mulholland reminded the Commission they have made recommendations in the past and that Council and staff have not done that work yet. He would like to see a benefit-cost analysis on this topic.

Commissioner McDonald was not opposed to waiting 4 to 6 months but that the council needs to hear the letter again from the Sustainability Commission.

He also mentioned the article in the Registered Guard and the discussion about redeveloping the slope of the banks of the Willamette and he believed that the Commission needs to be watchdogs on this issue.

Break

Sustainability Commission Elections (Chair and Vice Chair)

Commissioner Saxion chaired the election of the Chair. He read the bylaws on the election and provided a brief overview of the duties of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Nominations: Kevin O'Brien nominated Kelsey Zlevnor, Ralph McDonald nominated Art Farley

Move to Close: Kevin Obrien moved, Greg Ringer seconded

All in Favor

Each candidate provided a brief personal statement.

Vote: Commissioner Zlevor—O'Brien, Zlevor, Allen, Johsson, de Heer, Saxion, Mulholland

Commissioner Farley—McDonald, Farley, Ringer

Nominations for Vice Chair

Commissioner O'Brien nominated Farley, Commissioner Farley

Commissioner Farley nominated Commissioner Mulholland

Move to Close: Commissioner Saxion moved, Commissioner McDonald seconded

All in Favor

Commissioner Mulholland made a personal statement

*Vote for Vice Chair--*Commissioner Mulholland All in Favor

Commissioner Johnson encouraged staff to provide a bio for new members

Commissioner McDonald suggested providing nominations one month and elections the next month

August Retreat Prep Discussion

Chelsea led a discussion about the retreat in August.

Goals:

- Workplan
- Annual report—What worked and what did not—and if not, why?
- What is our value add to Council?
- Other than policy work, what else?
- Listening Sessions/mobile meetings—Chair Zlevnor volunteered to do this
- Develop equity lens as part of TBL
- How Commission relates to elections
- Expectations—subcommittee work/participation
- City's plans around outreach/education
- Revisit bylaws, mission

Resources:

- What went to Council, outcomes FY18, FY19

The Commission discussed a number of issues about how they can be trusted advisors to Council and to the people of Eugene.

Committee Reports

CAP 2.0 Review Committee—Commissioner Mulholland said he would send out a doodle and invited the new commissioners to join in.

Items from commissioners and staff

- Chelsea provided staff updates. Staff is working on the CAP2.0 document and doing Party in the Parks outreach.
- Staff is also working on the EV Strategy.
- Staff is also working on the outreach/marketing program for phase II.
- Commissioner McDonald—food waste question.
- Commissioner Mulholland asked about the EV Strategy input.
- Commissioner McDonald asked about the polystyrene ban.
- Commissioner Zlevnor invited us all to attend the Park Blocks party and suggested that we attend the July 25th Climate Town Hall. She is also going to China to work on sustainable development goals.

Commission Adjourned