

# Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

Saul Room, Atrium Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

99 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene

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**In attendance:** Chair-Kelsey Zlevor, Vice-Chair- Zach Mulholland, Howard Saxion, Ralph McDonald, Art Farley, Doug Edwards, Kevin O'Brien, Jon Kloor, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Julia Johnson, and Councilor Emily Semple **Staff:** Chelsea Clinton, Mark Nystrom

Absent: Greg Ringer

Chair Zlevor called the meeting to order.

## **Action Item: Approve Agenda**

Moved: Kevin O'Brien

Seconded: Julia Johnson

Vote: All in Favor

## **Action Item: Approved September Minutes**

Moved: Doug Edwards

Seconded: Kevin O'Brien

Vote: All in favor Abstained: Julia Johnson, Art Farley, Jon Kloor

## **Public Comment:**

### *Jim Ball*

Spoke about a California based website CAISO.com. He explained that it offers a tremendous amount of data regarding the electrical use and source—all in real time. He highly recommended the Commissioners check out the website.

### *Piotr Esden-Tempski*

Engineer and on the SW Hills neighborhood.

Concerned about getting rid of cars and moving to active transit.

Concerned about lack of electric buses in Eugene.

Encouraged Eugene to invest in more electric buses like Proterra

### *Luke Habberstad*

Member of the Historic Review board.

Concerned about e-scooters. Feels it's a step backward in sustainability. Lack of data that e-scooters are sustainable. He mentioned a study from North Carolina that looked at a life cycle analysis and found that they are less sustainable than all modes other than cars. They are also targeting e-scooter vandalism and destruction. Luke hopes that the City has not already made a decision

## **Commissioner Response**

Zach mentioned that Piotr should go speak to LTD as well. He mentioned that the Sustainability Commission does not have much authority to require more electric buses.

Ralph asked the question why people are throwing scooters into the river in Portland.

Councilor Semple thanked Jim for the information about the California website. She agreed with Piotr that we should be investing more in all electric buses. She also said that she is not in favor of e-scooters.

Kelsey pointed out that LTD has a newly formed sustainability committee and that Piotr should speak with them.

Howard agreed that the e-scooter plan seems to be a done deal and that seems unfortunate.

Chelsea stated that Rob Inerfeld spoke to Council today about e-scooters and stated that a pilot report is in the works, but they will be considering the public input on Engage Eugene after the pilot.

Councilor Semple also stated that there is a meeting on Moving Ahead on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in Harris Hall. There is a public hearing session following the Moving Ahead.

**Liaison Appointments:**

The following appointments were approved:

Planning Commission—Kevin O'Brien

Human Rights—Julia Johnson

Active Transportation—Louisa de Heer

Housing Policy—Open

Budget Committee—Zach Mulholland

Environmental and Climate Justice Committee of the Eugene/Springfield NAACP—Laura Allen

**Committee Proposal:**

*Adaptation Committee*—Art Farley provided an overview of the Adaptation Committee

The Committee will research possible adaptation actions to address predicted change. The Committee will assess the current state of local government adaptation actions and planning. The Committee will prepare a report to the Eugene City Council reflecting the results of the above work, including a set of proposed actions and policies for City Council consideration.

The Committee would meet for three months and then submit a report to the Commission.

Art mentioned that staff are doing a lot of quality work so the committee may not be needed at this time and he proposed that he may just put the proposal in the parking lot.

Louisa de Heer mentioned that at the neighborhood level there is a jurisdictional issue around adaptation and emergency planning.

Zach asked about the intersection of adaption and the CAP2.0 document. Chelsea mentioned that the document will report what is happening

It was decided to keep this committee in the parking lot.

**Committee Update:**

Ralph stated that the **Food Waste Committee** has not met yet.

Howard reported that the **CAP2.0 Transportation Committee** met on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The group heard from Rob Inerfeld a transportation engineer with the City. He previewed the presentation that Rob was giving to City Council today (October 16<sup>th</sup>). He talked about programs, funding, and how the commission could add value to the work (it was decided to wait and see on how to do that.) Rob also volunteered to attend a future Sustainability Commission meeting. Howard recommended that the Sustainability Commission invite Rob in the future. Zach mentioned that the EV strategy just came out and the Committee could talk about that.

Zach reported that the **CAP2.0 Energy Used in Buildings Committee** met last week. They provided staff feedback on the Gap Strategy. They are going to meet again after the public comment period.

Laura reported on the **Outreach Committee**. They came up with four proposals for moving forward:

- Multilingual survey – putting out a survey to the committee
- Media/Education options – working out speaking to the public
- Budget options – look to see if the Commission could provide outreach
- Community Focus Groups – strategic outreach to specific groups.

Louisa reported that the **Air Quality Committee** has not met that there are several news items that are important to the air quality of west Eugene. This includes EPA settling a law suit and that there some issues about a specific source of pollution where the community built around it. Chelsea pointed out that there may be a collaboration with the HRC.

### **Council Communication and Upcoming Items**

Councilor Semple reported that the curb side collection of food waste has rolled out and she was utilizing that program. She also discussed the CAP Gap on transportation was provided to the Council today. She suggested that we all go to the City Council webpage and listen to the report. She then discussed the Rivers to Ridges presentation. Parks and Open Spaces provided an update of the protection of greenspace and the relationships with partners. Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> on Moving Ahead will present. On Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> the CAP Gap on Energy Used in Buildings will be provided. Two City Councilors will be meeting with the EWEB Board on a quarterly basis. She also mentioned the following meetings:

- Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>—Work Session on CAP2.0 Gap Strategies
- Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>—Work Session on the Sustainability Commission Annual Report and Work Plan
- Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>—Public Hearings on CAP2.0, Polystyrene, and Plastic Bags
- Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>—(ACTION) Ordinances on Polystyrene and Plastic Bags
- Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>—(ACTION) CAP2.0 Final Action

Ralph suggested that they resubmit the letter supporting the ban on plastics and polystyrene.

The Commission suggested that they assign people to attend each of the meetings.

- Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>—work session on CAP2.0 Energy Used in Buildings—Howard, Zach, Jon
  - Public Forum
- Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>—(@library) Work Session on CAP2.0 Gap Strategies—Howard, Zach, Jon
- Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>—Work Session on the Sustainability Commission Annual Report and Work Plan—Julia, Zach

- Monday, November 18th—Public Hearings on CAP2.0, Polystyrene, and Plastic Bags—Laura, Zach, Art, Ralph
- Monday, November 25th—(ACTION) Ordinances on Polystyrene and Plastic Bags—Ralph, Zach
  - Public Forum
- Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>—Public Forum—Laura, Zach
- Wednesday, December 11th—(ACTION) CAP2.0 Final Action—Jon, Zach, Julia

Councilor Semple stated that they passed the Youth Led Climate Resolution.

**Items from Commissioners and Staff**

Chelsea stated that Stephanie Jennings would like to come speak to the Sustainability Commission.

Zach asked the Commission for suggestions for speakers for upcoming meetings.

Ralph thanked Councilor Semple for helping to pass the Youth Led Climate Resolution.

There was a discussion regarding the City supplementary budget and how we could get a small amount of funding for a small fund to support the efforts of the Commission.

**Meeting Adjourned**