

Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

Saul Room, Atrium Building, 3rd Floor

99 W. 10th Ave., Eugene

In attendance: Vice-Chair- Zach Mulholland, Howard Saxion, Ralph McDonald, Art Farley, Jon Kloor, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Julia Johnson, Greg Ringer and Councilor Emily Semple **Staff:** Chelsea Clinton, Mark Nystrom

Absent: Chair-Kelsey Zlevor, Doug Edwards, Kevin O'Brien, and Councilor Emily Semple

Vice Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order. Chris Raimey from the Planning Commission was in attendance.

Action Item: Approve Agenda

Moved: Howard Saxion

Seconded: Jon Kloor

Vote: All in Favor

Action Item: Approved October Minutes

Moved: Howard Saxion

Seconded: Julia Johnson

Vote: All in Favor, Greg Ringer abstained.

Public Comment:

Jim Ball: Congratulations to Mark and Chelsea for getting the CAP2.0 out the door. He requested an explanation of the 7.6% reduction goal and perhaps adding it to the appendices. He also discussed the emission factors of the electricity that we are using. He suggested that if we decarbonize that electricity demand will more than double and that will lead to using a higher carbon mix of electricity.

He referenced the CEAP on Page 16—a statement on the electricity mix of EWEB. Staff should reference that the CAP should reflect the fact that we will be using higher carbon electricity if the demand increases. Finally, he asked that on the pie chart of energy used in buildings that staff break out natural gas from electricity use.

Debbie McGee—Noted that she is a long time resident of Lane County and said she wanted to provide a voice for the students/children. She read a statement from Greta Thunberg. She stated that the CAP2.0 is a failure and that it is a disappointment. She mentioned that Portland is working on a proposal to limit gas infrastructure.

Linda Perrine—Linda described some of the impacts of climate on her farm in Lane County. She stated the CAP2.0 lacks targets and lacks any objectives. She feels that the CAP2.0 is incomplete or negligent. The plan needs to describe how the City is going to reach the CRO goals. She states that 350Eugene is not being heard. She is wondering when the City staff will be welcoming input.

Jim Neu—Jim discussed the wild fires in Northern California. He questioned who was at fault in those fires—the utilities or others such as the fossil fuel industry or the federal government.

He then described fossil fuel infrastructure risk bonds and urged the Sustainability Council take action to urge the City Council further investigate fossil fuel infrastructure risk bonds.

Claire Ribaud—The CAP2.0 lacks the timeline, costs, or objectives. Does not compel stakeholder coordination. She suggested that transit is an example of the lack of coordination. City and LTD lacks the coordination and lacks a sense equity and fairness.

Patty Hines—Stated that as a long time resident of Lane County she has concerns about the future of our community and highlighted she has experience in leading from “A” to “B”. She stated that the plan lacks time, goals, and objectives. She feels that the City lacks the urgency to reduce our carbon emissions. She mentioned the increased community engagement and workgroups throughout the city as signs that people are concerned.

Mark Robinowitz—Mark discussed logistics. He discussed a letter in Eugene Weekly describing the benefits of Styrofoam. He then described Good Company’s involvement in plastics to fuels technology. Then he described the expansion of beltline. Then he described the problems with electrifying the electricity.

Commissioner Response:

Ralph McDonald—described the CAP2.0 as accessible to the community. He feels that the Sustainability Commission should provide more input into the City Council on the steps we can take to reduce carbon.

Louisa de Heer—the work around climate action plan. She agreed that we need to continue to be pushing the City to be more because the City are leaders.

Julia Johnson—agreed that we need to get more public involvement and suggested how the Commission can help get engaged in communicating with the public.

Laura Allen—is not sure how the CAP2.0 ties to CEAP and she is hoping for more input from staff.

Art Farley—this is everyone’s problem and we all need to get involved in the process. The City may be the ones tracking the data, but everyone will need to work on engagement.

CAP2.0 Document:

- Chelsea provided an overview of the CAP2.0 document and process. The PowerPoint presentation is posted with the minutes.
- Julia stated she doesn’t see this as a plan but rather
- Howard stated that he is disturbed by the lack of time and input—that there is a rush for feedback at a very busy time of the year.
- Jon Kloor—stated a conflict of interest and will not be commenting on the Northwest Natural items.
- Ralph mentioned that he is concerned about the wildfire increases. He asked for the resources and Mark pointed him to Appendix 1.
- Laura asked about additional sources about the actions. Mark pointed out that the blue text are links and Laura was reading on the paper copies. Staff stated they will add links.

Committee Updates:

Laura discussed the **Outreach Committee's** report. The committee discussed requesting a small budget for outreach to the public. Chelsea clarified that the Commission would need to go to the budget committee for the funds through the regular budget process. Laura also discussed the need for a survey to the community. Chelsea looked into options and the communication team stated that we could post the survey via Facebook.

Ralph provided an update on the **Food Waste Committee**. Michael Wisth presented to the foodwaste committee and suggested that signs on the yard debris containers and other educational materials.

He then discussed the impending Styrofoam ban and the public hearing at City Council on Monday night.

Ralph then proposed that the Sustainability Commission discuss the proposal of instituting a Fossil fuel infrastructure risk bond requirement. He is curious if this is an actionable action.

Louisa discussed the **Air Quality Committee**. She stated that the committee is going to discuss equity issue around West Eugene in January 2020.

Howard suggested that at a future meeting we get an update from LRAPA. He had a meeting with their director, and he found it very useful and believes the rest of the Committee would benefit from hearing from them.

Zach provided a quick feedback on the **Energy Used in Buildings Committee**, they will meet in the next month. He is planning on proposing a new committee to provide feedback to the budget committee.

Council Communication and Upcoming Items

Councilor Semple is at a conference and Chelsea has already made all her comments.

Items from Commissioners and Staff

Jon clarified that Portland's action is aimed at fossil fuel infrastructure, not no new natural gas.

Meeting Adjourned