



# Annual Report-Fiscal Year 2020

## Introduction

On November 12, 2019, the Sustainability Commission presented its fiscal year 2020 (FY20) Work Plan to City Council. The FY20 Work Plan reflected the Commission's intent to work on issues in seven specific areas, while also allowing for flexibility to address issues as they came up.

The priority topics included:

- Outreach
- CAP2.0/Climate Mitigation Policy Input
- Climate Resiliency
- FY19 Follow-Up of Proposals Sent to City Council
- Areas for further research
- Emerging issues

## FY20 Work Plan Progress

Commissioner sentiments regarding progress on the seven priority topic areas presented in the FY20 Work Plan are mixed. While committees like the Air Quality Committee, Education and Outreach Committee, Fossil Fuel Risk Bond Committee and others were primed to achieve key outcomes, the onset of COVID-19 in-person meeting restrictions halted progress where some of these were poised to wrap up final reports. This delay postponed progress on some committees. However these, or new iterations of these committees, will move forward in 2020 to complete their work.

The Commission is of mixed opinion regarding their work providing feedback to Council regarding the CAP2.0 process. While the Commission appreciates that the CAP2.0 can now move into implementation, they share disappointment in some outcomes related to their engagement in the process and how the document addresses achieving the goals of the Climate Recovery Ordinance (CRO).

Below is a highlight of accomplishments from FY20:

- The CAP2.0 process came to a close, including Commission recommendations to City Council regarding the Community Recommended Actions, and resulting in Council direction to staff to provide a budget and timeline for review of the community recommended actions;
- Establishment of a Sustainability Commission budget to administer mini-grants to organizations in the community, which included extensive research and planning, and a bylaw update;
- Ongoing work from FY20 committees to carry forward into FY21 to include the Air Quality Committee, Education and Outreach Committee, Fossil Fuel Risk Bond Committee, Waste Reduction Committee and CAP2.0 Dashboard;
- Recommendation to City Council for phasing out plastics, Art Farley testified November 2019.

**The Commission engaged the City Council 5 times in FY20.** The Commission sent 2 recommendations, 2 resolutions and 1 thank-you letter to Council in FY20, as well as provided public

comment in support of the recommendations, resolutions and other topics. The topic of each engagement is listed below.

- Resolution to support city-wide emergency climate strike (*September 2019*)
- Recommendation to support policy banning polystyrene carry-out containers (*November 2019*)
- Thank you letter for \$5,000 adopted budget line item (*June 2020*)
- Resolution to support Black Lives Matter (*June 2020*)
- Recommendations Regarding CAP2.0 (*July 2020*)

### **FY20 Work Plan Detailed Review**

The following table includes an update on progress on each item included in the FY20 Work Plan.

<b>1. Outreach</b>	
Outreach/Engagement Pilot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shifted to review and updating bylaws and laying groundwork for a budget to accomplish a pilot in the Spring. Interrupted by COVID. Groundwork is strong for future work.</li> <li>- Success of receiving a budget</li> </ul>
Business Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strong foundation has been set for future work</li> <li>- Meetings with staff</li> <li>- Preliminary discussions around business needs with staff and leadership at local businesses and community organizations</li> </ul>
<b>2. CAP2.0/Climate Mitigation Policy Input</b>	
Transportation System Plan (TSP) Implementation (Active Transit/EVs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kelsey and Zach participation in meetings leading up to CAP2.0 approval.</li> <li>- Zach participation in Mayor’s CRO Ad Hoc Work Group</li> <li>- Quite a bit of outreach ahead of meetings</li> <li>- Recommendations around equity panel recommendations and community recommended action vetting</li> </ul>
Energy Used in Building Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued to monitor progress with Council for Northwest Natural Gas negotiations.</li> <li>- Participated in development of CAP2.0</li> </ul>
Waste Reduction Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee was formed</li> <li>- Discussion of policy ideas</li> <li>- Halted by COVID</li> <li>- Commission sent a recommendation to Council to support policy’s banning use of polystyrene carry-out containers.</li> </ul>
Urban Forestry/HB2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work was delayed and will continue to develop into FY21</li> </ul>
<b>3. Climate Resiliency</b>	
Address unforeseen, but important sustainability-related items presented by the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Commissioners, or the public, in accordance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Air Quality committee was formed, met several times. Interview equity and access groups like LRAPA and Beyond Toxics to improve air quality (as a city and airshed), report for</li> </ul>

with the Commission's adopted operating procedures.	recommendations discussed but not able to be brought commission before FY ended due to COVID.
<b>4. FY19 Follow-UP Proposals Sent to Council</b>	
Single Use Plastics	- Art addressed with Commission recommendation ahead of December approval of ordinance. -
Northwest Natural Franchise Agreement	- Negotiations are ongoing
<b>5. Areas for Further research</b>	
Air Quality	- Air Quality – note above
Envision Eugene and Urban Reserves	- Participation in TBL analysis of the review - Commissioner Saxion participated in this process
Track and Field Events Policy	- Work was delayed and will continue to develop into FY21
Aerial Spraying	- Work was delayed and is not currently planned for FY21
Dietary Choices and Climate Change	- Work was delayed and is not currently planned for FY21
<b>6. Monitor</b>	
Electric Vehicle Ready Homes	- This was captured in the development of the CAP2.0.
Home Energy Score Requirement for Home Sales and Rentals	- This was captured in the development of the CAP2.0.
Tiny and Small Houses	- Work was delayed and will continue to develop into FY21
<b>7. Emerging Issues</b>	
Address unforeseen, but important sustainability-related items presented by the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Commissioners, or the public, in accordance with the Commission's adopted operating procedures.	- Commission sent a recommendation for a resolution to City-wide climate strike - Commission sent a recommendation for a resolution to support Black Lives Matter - Commission began to explore the topic of Fossil Fuel Risk Bonds and this work will continue into FY21.