

Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In attendance: Chair-Zach Mulholland, Vice-Chair- Mtima Richardson, Howard Saxion, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Kelsey Zlevor, Mike McFarlane, Karyn Kaplan, Doug Edwards, Councilor Semple, Drew Johnson

Absent: Art Farley

Staff: Samantha Roberts, Chelsea Clinton

Mtima Richardson arrived at 6:15 P.M., Drew Johnson left the meeting at 7 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Chair Mulholland called for a motion to approve the June Agenda with a motion to move the grant discussion forward as appropriate to allow speaker to go sooner

Action Item: Approved June Agenda, as amended

Moved: Louisa de Heer

Seconded: Doug Edwards

Vote: All in favor

Commission Agenda

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Sustainability Commissioners: Mtima Richardson, Art Farley, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Drew Johnson, Karyn Kaplan, Mike McFarlane, Mitra Gruwell, Dennis Reynolds, Jan Bohman, Hannah Schafer and Councilor Emily Semple **Staff:** Samantha Roberts, Chelsea Clinton

	<u>Starting time</u>
1. <u>Opening (5 minutes)</u>	5:30 p.m.
- Action item: Review and approve agenda	
- Action item: Approve June meeting minutes	
2. <u>Public Comment (5 minutes)</u>	5:35 p.m.
3. <u>Commissioner Response to Public Comment (5 minutes)</u>	5:40 p.m.
4. <u>Elections (30 min)</u>	5:45 p.m.
Action item: Elect Commission Vice Chair	
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5. <u>Commissioner and Staff Updates (30 minutes)</u>	6:15 p.m.
- Updates from Staff	
- Updates from Commissioners	
6. <u>Council Communications and Updates (10 minutes)</u>	6:45 p.m.
- Update from Councilor Semple (See Council Tentative Working Agenda)	
7. <u>Closing: next steps, other follow-up (5 minutes)</u>	6:55 p.m.

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Abstain:

Chair Mulholland called for a motion to approve May minutes or request for discussion.

Action Item: Approved May Minutes

Moved: Laura Allen

Seconded: Mike McFarlane

Vote: All in favor

Abstain: Emily Semple, Doug Edwards

Public Comment

No public comment.

Committee Updates

Food Security Recommendations

Commissioner Edwards provided an introduction to the recommendations of the Food Security Committee. He discussed the support for increased supply of community gardens in Eugene as well as a recommendation to increase education and communication about existence and resource of community gardens to Eugeneians. Commissioner Edwards discussed recommendations in response to City Staff reflections about key barriers to community gardens and communications.

Councilor Semple discussed idea about connecting with city office Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement to learn about centralized resource of information about moving work forward, as well as working directly with Public Works. Councilor Semple offered to meet with PW Director Matt Rodrigues to learn about status of where community garden work is at the moment and connecting with neighborhood association leaders.

Chair Mulholland inquired about a bilingual point of access to the community garden information.

Action Item: Approve proposed committee recommendations

Moved: Doug Edwards

Seconded: Laura Allen

Vote: All in favor

Abstain:

Citizen Involvement in Waste Management Committee Recommendations

Commissioner Kaplan and Chair Mulholland discussed the recommendations made by the Citizen Involvement in Waste Management Committee. They discussed meeting with City Staff and discussion points regarding waste management practices, communications and process.

Action Item: Approve proposed committee recommendations

Moved: Karyn Kaplan

Seconded: Louisa de Heer

Vote: All in favor

Abstain:

Commissioner Kaplan inquired about how to move forward with a presentation from Waste Prevention. Chair Mulholland and staff provided clarification.

Grant Discussion and Vote

Commissioner Allen provided context for the grant application and organization. The application was submitted by Corrie Parrish with the NAACP of Eugene/Springfield. The grant requests \$1000 to support a series of events related to a community mural art project at Annie Mims Community Garden North. This includes commissioning a local BIPOC artist to help create a mural during the arts and crafts festival in August (8/7/21). The mural will include community involvement with a focus on youth involvement, and integrated multigenerational education centered in sustainability, permaculture, and art.

Commissioner Zlevor provided support for the event and desire to provide support for the project given its impact on the community.

Chair Mulholland expressed support for the project and desire to connect this fund with the project.

Action Item: Approve \$1000 to NAACP Eugene/Springfield to support Community Mural Project at Annie Mim's Community Garden North in August 2021

Moved: Howard Saxion

Seconded: Kelsey Zlevor

Vote: All in favor

Abstain:

Annual Report

Staff introduced the FY21 Annual Report.

Chair Mulholland discussed the purpose behind completing the annual report in July and presenting to Council. The goal is to summarize the work of the Commission at the end of the fiscal year to provide outgoing leadership the chance to present the work, while allowing the following leadership to use the report for the next FY Work Plan. Staff also provided comments.

The Commission walked through the report template to reflect on the work they accomplished in the FY21 Workplan. Live edits were made to the document. A final version will be completed by staff between meetings.

Chair Mulholland presented a tracking document of staff presentations for future Commissioners to use while developing an annual workplan.

Updates from staff and commissioners

Staff Updates

Samantha provided updates on the following:

1. Reminder to Commissioners to be thinking about upcoming Commissioner elections. Expressed support for connecting with Chair Mulholland or Vice Chair Richardson for more information.
2. Councilor appointments for new ESC commissioners have been pushed to Monday June 21. New commissioners will be contacted shortly after for an orientation ahead of the July 21 Commission meeting.
3. The 2021 Equity Panel kicked off in June 2021. Chelsea provided an update about this panel as well.
4. Offsets information coming soon about the City's first purchase of offsets to achieve the Climate Recovery Ordinance goal of operational net neutrality.

Commissioner Updates

Chair Mulholland spoke about his thoughts at his final meeting as a Commissioner, the work of the Commission this year and into the future. He expressed appreciation to Commissioners Zlevor, Edwards and Saxion for their service as well.

Commissioner Kaplan discussed thoughts about Commissioners moving off of the Commission and expressed appreciation.

Commissioner Zlevor expressed appreciation for Zach taking over leadership of the Commission and thoughts about time on the Commission.

Councilor Updates

Councilor Semple expressed appreciation for Commissioner rotating off of the Commission. Councilor Semple provided an update about Council considerations including eviction issues and renter assistance through the State and Lane County (including landlords), work session about wildfire preparation, June 21 Firework ban work session this year and next year, work session related to middle housing, forward work with 1059 Willamette property and housing, discussed MovingAhead work including larger routes including EmX, work around redrawing wards and the northwest natural gas agreement. The NWN Franchise Agreement working together on a carbon reduction program, 2 projects, 2 years projects at about \$900,000. There will be a forthcoming presentation on gap analysis and fuel switching work. Discussed thoughts about infrastructure moratorium on natural gas and current work, feeling incongruous.

Chair Mulholland encouraged folks to watch 6/16 work session on the Northwest Natural Franchise Agreement and reflections on what was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM.