

**Sustainability Advisory Board
Summary Notes
April 21, 2009**

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- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Glen Friedman, Susan Day, Michelle Wittenbrink, Tamara Gilbert, Rich Wilhelmi, Elaine Aye, Robin Rabihoff
- GUESTS:** Roger Woehl, School Superintendent; Karina Ruiz, Dull Olson Weekes Architects; Saskia Dresler, Cedaroak Park Primary School
- STAFF:** Gene Green, Public Works Director; Richard Seals, Finance Director; Shauna Shroyer, Eng. Admin. Assistant

Chairperson Friedman opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Introductions were made.

Finance Report:

Richard Seals presented the City's annual financial report. The end of February, the City filed the final late audit. It was the first "clean" audit since the 1990's. The City's rating was reinstated in January. Currently finance is working on the budget. Reserves are not what they should be. Bonds were sold in January with 1.5 million dollars to be used for land acquisition for a new police station (city facility). Construction would require a bond measure.

School District Report:

Roger Woehl presented information on the two primary schools that will be built. One in Wilsonville at Villebois and the other on the Erickson Property on Rosemont Road. Both schools will be two-story buildings. The district is considering at least LEED Silver, but don't want to limit themselves and will be looking beyond that. The Rosemont Road site is 20 acres with about a 3½ acre wetland including Trillium Creek. Normally a primary school only requires 10 acres. What is different is that the district is designing the entire site, not just the school site. The hope is to build a small "net zero" building through grant money that would provide similar activities as CREST. It's not likely that the site will be used for community gardens. An important aspect is that those at the school will learn from it and interact with it. Curriculum can involve the processes used to build the school and restore the property, making it similar to a living lab. Planned opening is September 2011.

All the schools are working on Green School designation, moving toward Premier Green School. The teachers are working to bring sustainability to the classroom in many different ways. The district's concept of sustainability is human wellness (physical, nutritional), community wellness, and global wellness.

Saskia Dresler addressed the question of stewardship. The students are taught they are a part of their local community as well as the global community and part of that is the opportunity to take care of, contribute to, and to learn from it. As the students continue through school each year they have many different opportunities to be a steward of the community and the environment. They are not just learning about stewardship, but given

the opportunity to practice it. The stewardship team creates an environment of support. This is all a part of the character education in West Linn.

The advisory board was pleased with the direction the school district is heading. Elaine Aye suggested the school district promote what they are doing nationally. How can this be highlighted as a model school for others?

Elaine Aye offered her training to the school district at no charge. The SAB offered their skills as well.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- In House Training for City Staff – The Natural Step Framework Training is planned for May 6th at City Hall, and Elaine will be doing her training on May 14th. Advisory board members are all invited.
- Marketing Kiosk – Tamara will be taking on more of the responsibility of the Kiosks with Robin being more involved behind the scenes. Still looking at City Hall, the Library and Adult Community Center. Kirsten Wyatt offered to assist and suggested Tamara also work with a member of the other boards.
- Educational Resources/Library/Public Outreach – The library was given permission to order books. Have not heard yet when the books will be in. There will be a bookplate in each book that reads “The purchase of this item was made possible by the West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board and funded by the West Linn Refuse & Recycling franchise fee”. Susan will ask the library how they would like to spotlight the new resources.
- Lecture Series – No news to report.

New Business:

- The group discussed assigning a liaison to the other city boards to incorporate sustainability with what they are all doing.
- The issue of banning plastic bags has come up again. It will need to be a council decision. This is going to need much more discussion.

Announcements:

May is Sustainability Action Month in Lake Oswego. Look for a lecture series, speakers and other activities throughout the month.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Next meeting is May12, 2009 at 6 p.m.