

West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

WebEx Virtual Meeting

3/18/21, 6-7:30pm

Attendance	Board: Kim Bria, Terence Shumaker, Victoria Meier, Charlie Carr, Jen Harmon Council Liaison: Mary Baumgardner Staff Liaison: Jerry Gabrielatos Guests: None
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Mission	From the Charter (Mission): The Sustainability Advisory Board is committed to collaborating with government and residents to improve the quality of life in West Linn by advancing stewardship of our environmental, social, and economic resources that is equitable for all present and future generations.
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Agenda Topic 2 – Review / Approve December Meeting Notes

Summary	Approved December Meeting Notes
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Discussion	Chris Myer’s check-in comment edited to read “City-wide cyber security incident...”
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Agenda Topic 3 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Topic 4 – Check-ins / Updates

- Kim Bria: All excited about getting a portable charger for West Linn.
- Charlie Carr: Has lived in West Linn for 3 years, originally from Texas. Things grow here!
- Jennifer Harmon: Used to be on the economic development committee and used to work in sustainability with Nike.
- Victoria Meier: Has added four new native trees to her garden in pursuit of platinum Backyard Habitat; has dug big holes.
- Jerry Gabrielatos: Thrilled to be here, especially considering being able to use his past experience,
- Terence Shumaker: Just got a tankless water heater and is working on solar panels for the roof.
- Mary Baumgardner: Has lived in West Linn forever, went to high school here, as did her kids. Loves sustainability and environmental concerns; lately been doing the SOLVE activities like pulling ivy.

Agenda Topic 5 – Review Action Items from past meeting(s)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Status</u>
June/19	Chris/Jerry will continue work on ROW, park and open space overlay map-delayed due to computer outage; Jerry will check with Chris. Charlie is familiar with GIS and will help out with mapping.	Pending
June/19	Chris/Jerry will get us a work session date with the city council after the council’s goal-setting session; Mary will inform us.	Pending
January	Victoria to research sustainable action process guide for county and work on proposal to council about Leaders in Sustainability. New guide is out now so proposal to follow. Terence will send the info to Jerry & Mary because we need someone in the city to take this on.	Pending

February	Chris/Jerry will call library director about feasibility of solar with new roof. Possibility of grants available for this.	Pending
August	Chris/Jerry to get information on LED lighting for city buildings. Expensive to convert.	Pending
August	Mary to research the purchase of hybrid vehicles for the city, and GO bond \$ for upgrades in sustainability.	Pending
December 2020	All to review item 5c on Agenda. Website update discussion: It's close to being ready to send to the city to post. Everyone should look it over for errors, comments by Wednesday, March 24. What if we had another spot on the webpage with instructional videos on any number of sustainability topics useful to WL residents; it could be a project that the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) so kids could do the videos, get credit for class; General discussion was excited and supportive with various ideas.	Pending

Agenda Topic 6 – Discussion of Goals for 2021

Summary	<p>a. A new City Sustainability Staff Person is critical in order to be able to do all of the other items on our list, things that are important but that this board cannot do alone.</p> <p>b. Enroll in Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities; we must find the best ways to get involved and have access to this resource; it's not very expensive. We need to look at all of our goals as we move into this year.</p> <p>c. Jerry G. to review application for Leaders in Sustainability. Work with YAB and schools to get students to create videos.</p> <p>d. Sustainability Education Series could become several instructional/informational videos posted on the SAB website.</p> <p>e. Water Usage Data – One of SAB members should go to the parks board meeting.</p>
Discussion	Staff position is still a high priority. We want to support the idea of a pedestrian/bike bridge between Oregon City and West Linn. A question if there's a plan for replacing the trees that were lost in the ice storm which prompted a discussion for having a fundraiser to buy trees: "Replant West Linn" was born. The idea is to have a booth at the farmers' market to advertise no more than 2-3 of our ideas. We can use pre-existing materials from the county.

Agenda Topic 7 – Review New Action Items

- **ALL** will look over the website for errors; make comments by Wednesday, March 24th.
- **ALL** think about possible topics for the student videos by March 24th.
- **ALL** fill out the city's survey by March 29.
- **Mary** knows Milwaukie has three people in their sustainability department and will talk with Milwaukie to see how they've done this.
- **Jerry** will talk with John Williams about going over budgeting; thinks some avenues can be pursued.
- **ALL** need to support the idea of the pedestrian/bike bridge between OC and WL; First, the city needs to know the places where people are walking & biking that are not safe; use the city's survey to make recommendations.
- **Jerry** will look into how to start curbside recycling for compostables.
- **Kim** will contact the manager of the farmers' market about a booth.
- **ALL** make a list of what we can present at the market, just 2 or 3 things by our next meeting.
- **Jerry** will talk with Ken Warner about water usage data in the parks and options to save water.
- **Charlie**, using GIS, will work on an overlay of the city's right of ways.
- **Mary** will look into a joint meeting with SAB and the City Council and also the conversion of city vehicles into electric vehicles.
- **Terry** to send Sustainability Staff Person proposal to SAB.

- **Terry** to send Clean Cities and Leaders in Sustainability info to Jerry and Mary.

Agenda Topic 8 – Items of Interest From Staff Liaison

Summary	Jerry, as new staff liaison, is very excited about the first goal setting meeting.
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Discussion	None
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Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm