



2020 Advisory Group & Neighborhood Association Annual Report

Advisory Group/Neighborhood Association
West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)

Group Leadership

Please indicate your group chair and vice chair, or president and officers.

Cynthia Ellison, co-chair

Terence Shumaker, co-chair

Meeting Times, Dates & Location –

Please indicate the recurring dates, times and locations of your meetings. Also include the total number of times your group met in 2020.

Third Thursday of the month @ 6 – 7:30pm, Bolton Room, West Linn City Hall. Virtual meetings since April 2020. We met seven regularly scheduled times in 2020. Meetings in March, May, June, July and November were cancelled.

2020 Accomplishments

Please describe your group's notable accomplishments during 2020.

- Completed the addition of Appendix C, "Climate Action Plan Items," of the *Sustainable West Linn Strategic Plan*.
- Sent a proposal to city council for the hiring of a new sustainability staff person. Current staff cannot handle the sustainability work that needs to be accomplished.
- Explored possible uses of city unimproved right-of-way properties that would require no additional maintenance by the city.
- Began the process of possible city enrollment in the Clackamas County *Leaders in Sustainability* program.
- Completed the SAB 2020 Goals and Tasks document for city council.
- SAB provided input to Jeremiah Kirk on new energy-saving lights in city hall.
- Began work on updating the SAB content on the West Linn city website.
- Explored new ways of providing educational workshops/videos on sustainability issues.
- Proposed the idea of purchasing electric vehicles for the city fleet.

2020 Challenges

Please describe challenges your group faced in 2020.

- Maintaining a full committee of seven members, and rapid member turnover.
- Several meetings cancelled due to Covid-19 and city technical issues.
- Old Time Fair e-bike event and community education series cancelled due to Covid-19.

2021 Goals

What are your proposed goals for 2021, and how can the City Council assist your group in achieving these goals? Note that final advisory group goals should align with Council Goals and the mission of the City. Council advisory group liaisons should work with their advisory groups to

relay Council direction following review of advisory group reports during Council Goal Setting in January 2021.

GOAL 1: Continue to lobby for the hiring of a city sustainability staff person. The work that needs to be accomplished in the area of sustainability is far too great to be handled by existing staff.

GOAL 2: Enroll the city in the Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition, <https://www.cwcleancities.org>.

GOAL 3: Advocate for enrolling city buildings into the *Leaders in Sustainability* program from Clackamas County, <https://www.clackamas.us/recycling/work/getcertified.html>. Identify and prioritize best buildings to start with, and with city council help, begin implementation of the program.

GOAL 4: Work with the city to develop and expand our Sustainability Education Series workshops. The focus should be on easily accessible digital content from the city website in lieu of traditional in-person workshops.

GOAL 5: Work with the city to reduce excessive water use in city parks, which can lead to a considerable cost savings for the city.

Any additional feedback to share with the City Council?

Please include any additional information you would like the City Council to be aware of as they review your group's report.

The sustainability work that needs to be done in the city can lead to money-savings in the future, but that work cannot be accomplished by the SAB as an advisory body, nor by existing city staff members. It needs the dedicated attention of a sustainability staff person. This should be a priority for the city council in 2021.

Accounting of Neighborhood Association Grant Funds

Applicable only to Neighborhood Associations receiving grant funding. In accordance with the NA Grant Policy approved by Council, please provide a detailed accounting of grant spending in 2020 and information on planned spending for 2021 and into the future. Feel free to email separate attachments, if needed, to ddigby@westlinnoregon.gov