

West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

WebEx Virtual Meeting

11/18/21, 6-7:30pm

Attendance	Board: Terence Shumaker, Kim Bria, Victoria Meier, Michael Carlson, Gregory Smith, Council Liaison: Staff Liaison: Jerry Gabrielatos Guests:
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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 October Meeting Notes

Summary	Approved October Meeting Notes – with revision from Mike Carlson
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Discussion	None
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Agenda Topic 3 – Public Comment

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Agenda Topic 4 – Check-ins/Updates

- Kim Bria: Will share highlights of APWA “Where Are They Now? Recycling Markets Episode” when the 11/18/21 webinar video is posted.
- Michael Carlson: Recently purchased e-bikes and rode them around town 20 miles and Monday. Completed application for masters in renewable energy and sustainability and took the GRE test.
- Charlie Carr: Absent
- Victoria Meier: Shared fall edition of ClackCo magazine pg 10/11 for “Action Plan Climate Project” to be completed by spring. Would like to see West Linn supporting the sustainability plan timelines that Clackamas County is currently working on. Jerry added that John Williams or Brenna involved in the Climate Action Plan with Clackamas County.
- Terence Shumaker: Lack of sustainability leadership at the city. 1. Asked if bioswales were part of Main St project and told they weren’t. Didn’t feel like sustainability goals were integrated. 2. SAB asked about lighted crosswalks for safety and told too costly. 3. Need EV charging stations on the project, not enough money. (15 in ORC, 20 in LO, 1 in WL). 4. Money found for fountain but not EV charging stations. 5. City needs to acknowledge that the foundation of sustainability must guide city infrastructure and operations.
- Gregory Smith: Participated in film discussion “Once You Know”, reminded of Dennis Meadows “Limits to Growth” talk at Smithsonian. Relevant 10 years ago. Watch the talk and online discussion. With the group interest he will come up with time for us.
- Jerry Gabrielatos: Brenna provided updates via email and Jerry will add later in agenda.
- Mary Baumgardner: absent (attending WES meeting)
- Brenna Cruz: absent (attending NA Presidents meeting)

Agenda Topic 5 – Sustainability Education Series Review & Planning for 2022

Summary	Discussed topics that Terry sent earlier for consideration.
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Discussion	<p>Identified topics for 2022 January – May. Members will continue to review list and add suggestions for June – December.</p> <p>January – Fruit tree planting and care. (Mike) February – Backyard Habitat certification. (Mike and Terry) March – Starting a garden anywhere; large or small spaces, containers (hydroponic?) and community gardens. (Victoria & Mike) April - Neighborhood climate resilience teams with MAP – (Brenna working with Public Safety Advisory Board to determine how it could help with MAP and emergency preparedness in general. Also title to include MAP and Community Sharing Economy – (Greg) May – The electric future: what does it mean for you? Could use Forth Mobility and Columbia Willamette Clean Cities as resources. – (Kim and Terry)</p> <p>Asked about current outreach and what the city can support in expanding the audience for the education series:</p> <p>Terry’s upcoming column in the WL Tidings, Facebook, church bulletins, WL Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Lions, Neighborhood Associations, Library, Clackamas County Soil & Water Conservation District.</p> <p>Climate change seminars: Human fingerprint (how we know it’s us). Four consecutive weeks instead of education series as a discussion series at the library when in-person can safely happen again. (Mike and Greg)</p>
Agenda Topic 6 – Clean Cities Update	
Summary	No discussion
Discussion	
Agenda Topic 7 – Community Development Code Revision Update	
Summary	Getting staff time to advise on recent SAB proposal to address council’s SAB goal to review community development codes.
Discussion	Jerry talked to John and Darren today, both looked at our recommendation and suggested SAB present recommendation to council. Staff would be there for what would be involved and put them on the planning docket. To save time Jerry will arrange staff meeting with Kim and Terry to identify categories to review. Intention is a proposal to council at December 13 meeting.
Agenda Topic 8 – Baseline Audits Update	
Summary	Jerry shared Brenna’s update via email during the meeting.
Discussion	Mike has not received any data from the city yet. Energy, water, and natural gas usage for buildings. Mike talking about how they track their expenses. Jerry doesn’t know if it’s paid by building or as a whole. Brenna connected with PGE and will update us.
Agenda Topic 9 – Annual Report to City Council	
Summary	Annual report for 2021 to include issues/recommendations for council, instead of stating SAB goals.

Discussion	<p>Terry has a rough draft – asked for input in the last meeting of accomplishments and the challenges of 2021. Goals for 2022 – one recent discussions with Jerry and council is that CAGs would develop a list to send a council with issues/recommendations for council to go into goal setting. Council will consider them and goals reflect back what they envision for 2022. We develop a list of issues to work on. Kathy is working to schedule council goalsetting. Submit issues we want council to think about can be merged.</p> <p>SAB requires staff input to carry out the 2021 council 2021 goals and complete the annual report.</p>
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Agenda Topic 10 – Report to Council on SAB Meetings

Summary Current SAB council reports are light on content and don't reflect content of meetings.

Discussion Terry requested that our meeting highlights are shared with council at the council CAG updates. We are shy on that. He is drafting a simple form that SAB will use to recap the meeting for the council liaison.

Agenda Topic 11 – SAB Staff Liaison Update

Summary Jerry shared update from Brenna

Discussion Sustainability updates made to website, promoting 12/14 workshop. Discovered that West Linn is not enrolled in the 100% renewable energy program. Kim following up to find info from the 2019 competitive PGE clean energy pilot program that West Linn was accepted into. Retrofitting upgrades in action on city buildings, and Leaders in Sustainability certification updates.

Agenda Topic 12 – Council Representative for Next Council Meeting Update

Summary See Agenda Topic 10

Discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 pm