

Abby West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

WebEx Virtual Meeting

12/16/21, 6-7:30pm

Attendance **Board:** Terence Shumaker, Michael Carlson, Gregory Smith
Council Liaison: Mary Baumgardner
Staff Liaison: Brenna Cruz
Guests: None

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.

Agenda Topic 2 – Review / Approve November Meeting Notes

Summary Approved November Meeting Notes

Discussion None

Agenda Topic 3 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Topic 4 – Check-ins / Updates

- Victoria Meier: Absent
- Terence Shumaker: No comment
- Kim Bria: Absent
- Michael Carlson: Accepted to Penn state energy & sustainability program. Waiting to hear from Arizona State. Celebrating holidays in sustainable fashion. Use fabrics to wrap presents. saw SAB education series presentation.
- Gregory Smith: Thanked Brenna Cruz re neighborhood resilience teams discussion & feel she has lot to offer WL. Sent list of questions from Paul Hawken book. It is an extension of his book “Drawdown” from 2017. Dennis meadows at Smithsonian.
- Mary Baumgardner: Excited about changes and conversations now in city. Now everyone talking about climate change. Proud of SAB presentation at council and excited about opportunities.
- Brenna Cruz: Getting acclimated and transitioning to be liaison to SAB. Met with Clackamas County re climate action plan.

Agenda Topic 5 – Sustainability Education Series Update

Summary Discussed details of seminar series through June 2022.

Discussion Reached out to master gardener Kris Lamar who was very interested in presenting. Mentioned city creating food forests. Apple trees planted by walk along river. Which would be good to plant around city. Seattle Food Forest used significant area to create community gardens and permaculture, which when established, don't require much care. A West Linn teacher carved out hillside for planting urban garden. We could establish a partnership w/city and schools. Jeff Bingham. We should publicize education series widely. Think about water conservation in June. Climate seminars later in year should be in person. Regional water

providers and Clackamas River Watershed Council may have presenters.

Agenda Topic 6 – Community Development Codes Presentation to Council

Summary	City Council approved use of staff time to research proposed changes to CDC.
Discussion	Heartened by council's unanimous vote to approve staff time. Happy to see the reception was good by council. All appreciated planning staff's help in strategizing for presentation.

Agenda Topic 7 – Baseline Audits Update

Summary	Still gathering data to use for baseline audits.
Discussion	<p>PGE trying to compile data for city. Data from customer perspective, lots of meters, pumps etc. Focus on buildings primary usage. Gave addresses for buildings to get useable measurements. PGE liaison to city government to provide metrics to compare residential to commercial users, trying to get streamlined data to compare across cities on same comparisons. How many consumers using full renewable etc. across sectors? Data can be presented to SAB in February to give us better understanding for improvement. Goal to collect data beginning in 2018.</p> <p>We have raw data for water. Vendor can analyze data & do vulnerability analysis. PGE 100% program to start 2022 – discount rate for kw hours. Fleshing out rates for 100%.</p>

Agenda Topic 8 – Annual Report to City Council Review and Approval

Summary	Annual report for 2021 completed and delivered to council.
Discussion	Discussion on advisory board application process. Council votes on applications with discussion. Mayor provides list. Process described in council rules or charter. Discussion of why CAG members cannot be on selection committee. May be good to have CAG member in selection process. Council could also ask CAG for kind of people needed, or gaps that need to fill, skill sets needed. Appropriate to contact city council with recommendations. May be downside to involving too many people in application process.

Agenda Topic 9 – Staff Liaison Update

Summary	Brenna Cruz transitioning to SAB staff liaison.
Discussion	<p>Brenna now has knowledge of, and experience in SAB. Her ideas include: Incorporate tool exchange activity or event in spring/summer. Participating w/Clackamas County in group of cities weighing in on climate action process. Getting everyone familiar with terms etc. In process to identify what goals are re emission reduction & set targets and dates. Group voted on whether goals too aggressive or not. Cities can be developing own metrics for cities or adding on to county goals. What is capacity or capabilities of cities? May not have ability to affect emissions, but maybe contribute to something like tree canopy etc. focus on what WL doing to support county climate plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Meet w/all emergency managers in other cities & discuss emergency plan & action plan updates. Evaluated top 10 natural hazards/disasters and impact on our region. Top 5 related to climate change, most of which we experience past two years. Looking at facing critical regional impact related to climate change. Need to have plans to address emergencies.* Two city buildings outstanding for Leaders In Sustainability certification.* Industries and emissions are related and determine where to have targets.

Agenda Topic 10 – Council Representative Notes for Council Meeting Update

Summary	General discussion of topics to be addressed in near future.
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Discussion Is it possible for city to have welcome packet for new residents on city services available? Include info on sustainable aspects, programs, etc. Soil & water conservation has info available.

Future agenda items:

1. City take clearer role regarding banks of Willamette up to Tualatin River. Damage from wakeboard boats. Getting excessive # of boats. Milwaukie & PDX have done good work. Brenna has been part of discussion on no-wake zone, and will talk to Milwaukie about this.
2. New house built on floodplain on 9th St. near Volpp St., and 50 trucks of soil brought to site & 50 trucks of soil removed from builder property in wetland. Suggest code changed for houses near or in wetlands and floodplain to be built on stilts.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:14pm