

West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

WebEx Virtual Meeting

5/19/22, 6-7:30pm

Attendance	Board: Terry Shumaker (absent) Kim Bria, Michael Carlson, Victoria Meier (absent), Gregory Smith, Debbie Wong, Charity Hudnut Council Liaison: Mary Baumgardner (absent) Staff Liaison: Jerry Gabrielatos
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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 April Meeting Notes

Summary	Approved April Meeting Notes
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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

- Jerry Gabrielatos: No comment.
- Charity Hudnut: First meeting with Green Team at Rosemont Ridge Middle School. 25 enthusiastic kids showed up with a lot of creative ideas and energy.
- Michael Carlson: Got an A in his first class in masters program in sustainability. Starting new term.
- Gregory Smith: Met with Natalie Rogers, Natural Resource and Climate Change manager in Milwaukie. Worth inviting to one of our meetings.
- Debbie Wong: Recently rode an electric bike at local event. It was fun, but she didn't feel she could safely ride a bike like this along Borland Road or Willamette Falls Drive. Goo bike lanes would make electric bikes more practical here. Person who was exhibiting bikes might be available for Old Fashioned Fair.
- Kim Bria: Attended a women in finance meeting that included presentations about data collection, perspectives in successful investing, issues beyond earnings in investment decisions, insurance and risk. Risk related to climate change now part of equations used to determine rates.

Agenda Topic 5 – Northwest Natural's 2050 vision

Summary	Presentation did not happen because of internet connection issues.
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Discussion	
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Agenda Topic 6 – Virtual or in-person meetings

Summary	Kim polled the SAB about whether we should begin meeting in person as other city advisory boards are doing so. Debbie and Greg said that because they care for family members who are vulnerable to covid, they would prefer either continuing with virtual meetings or hybrid. We will continue with virtual meetings.
Discussion	

Agenda Topic 7 – Putting Update of Tree Preservation codes on Council docket

Summary	Kim asked whether the SAB would be willing to approve a motion to recommend to the City Council that the tree code be updated. We eventually voted to do so. Kim will work with city staff to come up with language that best reflects the SAB's concerns but that seems likely to gain council approval.
Discussion	Concerns raised during the discussion related to going beyond CDCs that affect land slated for development to preserving and expanding the tree canopy across the entire city. A broader action like this could well be related to more than CDCs. Kim suggested that now is an especially important time to amend the code because of the state law that requires the inclusion of more multi-family housing units in neighborhoods that had previously been zoned for only single-family dwellings. We talked at length about whether we should include more specific language about the changes we want to see in the code but decided we would need to gather more information before doing this. If amending the tree code gets on the docket and is something that is viewed as a high priority by the council, we will work to refine our recommendations. The conversation then turned to the issue of restoring trees lost during the 2021 ice storm. It was recognized that this is largely a budgetary rather than policy issue. We discussed the possibility of collaborating with a group like Friends of Trees that could assist with the replanting of trees by enlisting the aid of volunteers. Debbie indicated that this is something that the city could potentially initiate. Charity and Debbie will reach out to Friends of Trees to see what would be needed to gain their help with a project like this.

Agenda Topic 8 – Old Fashioned Fair

Summary	We will maintain a booth for one day of the fair. Kim, Greg, and Mike will help staff it. Charity will check to see whether middle school students at Rosemont Ridge may be willing to help out and do something like engaging people in game that involves asking what they know about recycling.
Discussion	

Agenda Topic 9 – Staff Liaison Update

Summary Jerry lost his internet connection and was unable to provide this.

Discussion

Agenda Topic 10 – Action Items for SAB members

Discussion Kim will work with city staff to draft recommendation about putting update of tree code on City Council docket.
Debbie will check with man who was displaying electric bikes at a recent event she attended to see whether he would be able to participate in SAB Old Fashioned Fair booth.
Charity and Debbie will get in touch with Friends of Trees to see whether they would be able to help replant trees to replace those lost in ice storm.
Greg will invite Natalie Rogers to speak with SAB about Milwaukie’s Climate Action Plan and her work preserving and extending the tree canopy there.
Mike will find someone to present at the October education series presentation.
Debbie will check with Jerry about what he has learned from West Linn Refuse about increased fees for food waste pick-ups and give him a heads-up about inviting in Amanda from LO city government to describe trash pick-up arrangements there.
Charity will see whether Rosemont Ridge students interested in helping staff fair booth.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 pm