

## West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

WebEx Virtual Meeting  
June 16, 2022 6-7:30pm

**Attendance** **Board:** Terence Shumaker, Kim Bria, Victoria Meier, Gregory Smith, Debbie Wong,  
**Council Liaison:** Mary Baumgardner  
**Staff Liaison:** Jerry Gabrielatos  
**Guests:** Nina Carlson, NW Natural

**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 May Meeting Notes

**Summary** Approved May 2022 Meeting Notes

**Discussion** None

### Agenda Topic 3 – Public Comment

- None

### Agenda Topic 4 – Check-ins / Updates

- Kim Bria:
- Michael Carlson:
- Charity Hudnut
- Victoria Meier: Nothing to share
- Terence Shumaker: Plans to step down as co-chair effective tonight but will continue attending meetings as a board member through the end of his term in December, 2022. He is likely to continue attending meetings as a guest after that.
- Gregory Smith: Talked about Neighborhood Resilience Teams at meeting of West Linn Summit a week ago. Got an e-mail from woman in Wilsonville who listened to record Ed Series presentation, requested copy of PowerPoint, and is planning to start a similar process in her neighborhood.
- Debbie Wong: Has not had luck arranging for someone from electric bike company to participate in Old Time Fair. She has reached out to Friends of Trees and learned that to get their assistance replanting trees lost during the ice storm the city would need to enter into a \$25,000-\$50,000 contractual agreement. FofT would organize volunteers, conduct two tree planting events during the wet season, then water trees during the summer. We will consider this issue and others in more depth when we talk about revisions to city's tree code at our next meeting.
- Mary Baumgardner: Nothing to share.
- Jerry Gabrielatos: Presentation by Northwest Natural Gas will take the place of Agenda topic 6, tree code discussion.

### Agenda Topic 5 – Old Time Fair

**Summary** The SAB will occupy a booth on Saturday June 16 to provide information, distribute brochures and invite ebike vendors to display their products.

<b>Discussion</b>	Board members asked to share ideas about materials to be information to include in booth by next Monday. Individuals will then be responsible for collecting brochures from appropriate agencies or printing up materials at city expense. There will be one parking permit available for the event. Agreed that it should go to person from electric bike company if this can be arranged. Otherwise, it will be given to board member who brings canopy, tables, etc. Fair will open at 11 a.m. and go until the evening. The people who volunteer to help out can work out schedule. Terry will be able to be there in the morning, Greg in the late-afternoon-early evening to help with set-up and take-down. Mary will see whether she is able to locate the canopy used last year. Jerry said that if this can't be found, the city should be able to provide a canopy. The city can also supply tables. A sign was used last year that should still be available. No one, however, volunteered to find this. Brochures could include materials from Backyard Birds, the county's recycling program, soil conservation, water conservation, community gardens, reducing carbon emissions, mapping your neighborhood, neighborhood resilience teams. Greg suggested potentially having a computer available to people could determine their carbon footprint using a program on Nature Conservancy website.
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**Agenda Topic 6 – Northwest Natural Low Carbon Presentation**

<b>Summary</b>	This was an information-gathering presentation.
<b>Discussion</b>	Presentation about Northwest Natural's "Low Carbon Initiative and Climate Policy" by Nina Carlson. This initiative aims to replace natural gas with Renewable Natural Gas (methane) produced from digesters in dumps, water treatment facilities, and feed lots among other sites, encourage more energy efficiency on the part of users, and inject hydrogen produced through electrolysis during periods of high solar and wind productivity into natural gas. Creating a market for RNG will potentially capture methane that is otherwise being released into the atmosphere in an uncontrolled manner and interject it into the energy system. Brief discussion followed the presentation.

**Agenda Topic 7 – Compostables in Yard Debris Bins**

<b>Summary</b>	This topic should be presented to city council in order to adopt the comingling of compostables with yard debris.
<b>Discussion</b>	Jerry spoke with Jason of Waste Connection and learned that estimated cost of including food waste with yard debris would be an additional \$4.00 a month. Conversation that followed pointed to the need to have more information before presenting any of this to citizens. Questions that need to be answered: (1) What is the best process for turning food waste into compost and methane? (2) What are the most effective systems for collecting food waste? (3) How do new state regulations regarding restaurants and food waste play into this discussion? (4) What is an appropriate fee for this service given what we see happening in other municipalities? Debbie (contact Amanda in LO), Terry (speak with METRO), Kim (contact Alex) will do some research and get back to the SAB at a later meeting.

**Agenda Topic 8 – Education Series Seminars for Remainder of Year**

<b>Summary</b>	No topic scheduled yet for November 2022
<b>Discussion</b>	Mike will be taking charge of the October presentation. Terry suggests approaching Charity about arranging to have a collection of students involved in her Green Teams answer a set of questions about what they know about climate change and strategies they would adopt for dealing with it. Terry believes that this would increase the number of people who participate

in education series events (by attracting the students' parents) and provide an important venue for youth voice. Greg mentions the importance of involving older students less likely to be affected by climate anxiety.

**Agenda Topic 9 – Staff Liaison Update/SAB Co-Chair Election**

**Summary** No staff liaison update. Members voted on new co-chair.

**Discussion** Terry asked whether the board is willing to continue with the co-chair arrangement. Members are. He then said that Greg is willing to be nominated for this role and asked for a vote. Members of the SAB in attendance voted in favor of doing so.

**Agenda Topic 10 – Action Items Review for SAB Members**

**Summary**

**Discussion** Review of tasks assigned to SAB members

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:17pm**

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