

West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

WebEx Virtual Meeting
August 18, 2022, 6-7:30pm

Attendance **Board:** Kim Bria, Gregory Smith, Victoria Meier, Michael Carlson, Terence Shumaker (absent), Debbie Wong, Charity Hudnut (absent)
Council Liaison: Mary Baumgardner
Staff Liaison: Jerry Gabrielatos
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 June 16, 2022 Meeting Notes

Summary Delayed approval of **June 16, 2022** Meeting Notes

Discussion Debbie had significant corrections regarding trees and Friends of Trees. Group agreed to review and approve at September meeting.

Agenda Topic 3 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Topic 4 – Check-ins / Updates

- Kim Bria: Electric bike demo rides were popular at the Fair. Good for engagement.
- Michael Carlson: Excited to see tree planting program coming together. Tending to the garden and summer traveling. And Q3 of school. Greg and Mike at the SAB fair booth, 15 people approached. Asked about interest in curbside composting at \$2-3/mo. Visitors said it was ok for them. The giveaway recycling magnet was popular.
- Charity Hudnut: absent
- Victoria Meier: Thanked Debbie for her eloquence and comments to Jerry. He brings a lot to what he does.
- Terence Shumaker: absent
- Gregory Smith: None.
- Debbie Wong: Happy about steps toward city planting. Thanked Jerry for helping us on our sustainability work. Provided info and resources we needed. Arranging meetings and worked through challenging times.
- Mary Baumgardner: absent
- Jerry Gabrielatos:

Agenda Topic 5 – Tree Planting Program Overview

Summary New tree planting program from the city

Discussion Jerry, city has lobbyist to cover these programs. Our congressional staffers that liaise from federal reps are good for city participation in these programs. The recent email from John Williams talked about the last council meeting with \$200k from the American Rescue Plan for

tree planting. The trees available for \$200 (size and type) will be determined by city arborist (on short list of what will do well). Total cost of lost trees includes sidewalk repair, stump removal, tree planting, and labor. Not enough money to fully fund. A community communications person to relay program. Approx. 2,400 trees lost here ID via GIS system (captured by city staff). Street tree replacements where it hasn't been done already.

Tree plantings will happen in fall and spring. For equitable outcomes, what are the impacts to underserved or disadvantaged? The cost may be an issue for pruning and establishment. How do we make sure trees are allocated equitably in the city?

Jerry not aware of what our current city tree canopy data is. In 2009 the data showed at 38% tree canopy in West Linn. City of Milwaukie has a tree canopy goal of 40%. There was a lot of tree loss with natural loss, development, and the ice storm. It would be good to have an understanding of the broad goal.

Council meeting in September will bring up canopy goal.

Agenda Topic 6 – Tree Code Update

Summary	CDC Tree Code Update
Discussion	Council can make an immediate decision to place on the docket. Now that planning is fully staffed there is opportunity to prioritize it. Jerry will bring up to council.

Agenda Topic 7 – Education Series Seminars (for remainder of 2022)

Summary	Education Series for Q4 of 2022
Discussion	October: County Extension for topic of fall vegetables and fruit preservation November: No Waste Holidays December: None

Agenda Topic 8 – Staff Liaison Update

Summary	Jerry Gabrielatos
Discussion	Jerry worked with Kathy on setting agenda. Don't know which staff member attending SAB. It's not typical that a city manager does this. Everyone at the city is thrilled to have John at the helm. He's excited to get going and the city is in a place to focus on projects again. Since Jerry was here it's been fits and starts with pandemic and emergencies.

Agenda Topic 9 – Action Items review for SAB Members

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Discussion	Identify speakers for Education Series at September meeting.

Agenda Topic 10 – New Business

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Agenda Topic 11 – Adjourn

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm

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