

West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board
WebEx Virtual Meeting
DATE: 6-7:30, November 16, 2022

Attendance: Terence Shumaker, Kim Bria, Victoria Meier, Michael Carlson, Greg Smith
Charity Hudnut (absent), Debbie Wong (absent)

Council Liaison: Mary Baumgardner (absent)

Staff Liaison: Dylan Digby (absent, had conflict with other meeting)

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 environment, social, and economic resources that is equitable for all present and future generations.

Agenda Item 1: Public comment. No one from public present.

Agenda Item 2: Check-in.

Mike: Harvesting pumpkins after frost. They promise many tasty treats.

Terry: Recently published article in *West Linn Tidings* about the resilience of the Willamette River and the importance of protecting it.

Greg: Has had the longest-lasting fall garden ever. Harvested the last of the zucchini and peppers over the weekend, still has abundant lettuce, spinach, beets, and kale.

Kim: Attending conference in Hood River where her the hotel she is staying in is taking many steps to be more sustainable but at the same wraps much in plastic.

Agenda Item 3: Completing 2022 Annual Report for City Council. Most of the discussion this evening focused on finalizing goals/recommendations we would like to City Council to take into consideration for its work in the coming year. Items 2 through 7 are all drawn from Appendix C – Climate Action Plan Items. They follow:

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- (1) Hire a sustainability consultant to review already existing Sustainability and Climate Action Plans with the aim of proposing a course of action that could be pursued when the City hires a part- or full-time sustainability coordinator.
 - (2) Enroll the city in the Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition to make use of their grant-writing services. (Energy, Goal 1)
 - (3) Create a dashboard for the City website that tracks monthly use of electricity, gas, and water so the public can see the impact of policy changes aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and natural resource consumption. (Energy, Goal 1, Water, goal)
 - (4) Adopt a resolution aimed at increasing sustainability considerations in capital improvement planning. (Materials Management, Goal 1)
 - (5) Revise the City's tree code with the intention of protecting and expanding the urban canopy (use Milwaukie's current tree code as a model). (Natural Areas, Goal 1)

- (6) Reduce water run-off by pursuing three strategies: tiered water-pricing, more extensive use of bioswales throughout the city (especially with regard to city-sponsored road improvements), and the adoption of codes that encourage the creation of grey-water systems in public buildings, businesses, and homes. (Water, Goals 1 and 2)
- (7) Continue converting the City's fleet to electric vehicles, install more EV charging stations (including fast charging) throughout the city, and replace current gas-powered landscaping equipment with electric-powered equipment. (Energy, Goal 1)
- (8) Continue supporting and publicizing the SAB education series.

Terry and Kim will finalize the list of 2022 accomplishments. Kim will ask about getting on the City Council agenda for December 12 to make a verbal presentation about our report. A number of us are intending to attend this meeting, as well.

Agenda Item 4: Education Series.

December: Greg will check with Charity to see whether she will still be able to do a presentation about reducing or reusing waste during the holiday season. This presentation should take place on Tuesday, December 13.

January: Greg will check to see whether it is OK to show "The Scientist's Warning" about OSU ecology professor Willam Ripple. If it is, the presentation will begin with this 25-minute film and follow by a discussion about its implications for our city.

February: Student panel consisting of members of Charity's Green Team at Rosemont Ridge and possibly students from West Linn High School (we will check with Grace Soto) who will share their thoughts about mitigating the impacts of climate change.

March: We will approach Natalie Rogers from Milwaukie about making a presentation about the importance of trees in reducing the urban heat island effect and central elements of Milwaukie's new tree code.

April: Presentation about container gardening. Victoria will try to find someone to do this.

May: Speak with Debbie about pulling together a presentation about sustainable and safe foraging or find someone to do this.

Action Items for SAB members: Kim will get SAB on April 12 City Council agenda. Terry and Kim will finalize and submit the 2022 SAB Report. Greg will speak with Charity about the December education series presentation as well as Debbie with regard to a presentation in April about sustainable and safe foraging. Greg will also approach Natalie Rogers about making a presentation for the education series about the value of the urban canopy in March.

