

## West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board – July 20 meeting minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
2. Approval of May meeting minutes – all approve.
3. Member check-ins and new member introduction
  - a. Kate Jaspers welcomed to the SAB
4. Farmers Market and Old Time Fair Discussion
  - a. Board discussed possible ways to attract more attention and visitors while tabling at events like the farmer's market or old time fair. Belief was that large, colorful signs with catchy or interesting phrases and item giveaways (candy, seed packets) would be good strategies to try out.
5. Council goal-setting status - new goal setting session August 8<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Looking to focus on high-impact projects
  - b. Possible interest in reducing gas-powered equipment within the community
  - c. Council is considering the benefits of hiring a consultant for a high-level assessment of potential areas of focus for city sustainability efforts. The consultant may be helpful in identifying funding sources for some sustainability initiatives.
6. Member initiatives
  - a. Anti-idling – Charity
    - i. Schools on summer break. Effort to work with schools and possibly WLWV to resume closer to term resuming.
  - b. Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District – Michael
    - i. confirms Soil and Water Conservation District Director, Chris Lapp, is willing to come speak to board at an upcoming meeting about programs and resources that may help West Linn to more effectively manage invasive species. Lapp stated district's intent to pivot towards greater involvement with cities like West Linn.
  - c. Curbside Composting
    - i. West Linn Refuse and Recycling willing to do financial analysis on shifting to allowing compostable food scraps in brown bins. Representatives from WLRR willing to come speak to the board at a future meeting. Members are curious about the cost/benefit of adding curbside composting due to longer hauling distance to reach composting facility.
    - ii. Some sort of community survey is likely to be needed to gauge interest
  - d. Old Willamette Recycling bins
    - i. WLRR willing to discuss bins along Old Willamette. They have previously placed bins along portions of Highway 43, but found that too much trash was being placed into them to make their presence workable.
  - e. EV / Heat Pump Charging Code
    - i. Dan reports that state statutes may prohibit municipalities from setting code requirements related to electric vehicle charging infrastructure on individual dwellings, though the law leaves open the possibility of municipalities setting higher standards for commercial properties and multi-family housing. Mike and Dan to review further.
  - f. Tree code updates

- i. Dylan reports city council has expressed interest in prioritizing updates to the tree code. Mike raises possibility of testifying before council prior to their September meeting with the planning committee.
  - g. New meeting time discussion
    - i. Current time slot is not preferable. Greg to coordinate with other members on possible times.
- 7. Closing discussion
  - a. Desire is to hold no meeting in August. Greg is willing to host group for possible potluck event in late August or early September. Group would also like to meet in-person on a quarterly basis.