

## Sustainability Advisory Board meeting

May 16, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dan Reesor, Victoria Meier, Kate Jespers, Greg Smith, Dylan Digby, Lou Groner

Absent: Mike Carlson

- **Greg: call to order at 6:04**
- **Minutes from April Meeting:** Mike unable to complete before leaving town to deal with family emergency. Will be reviewed and presented at June meeting.
- **Member Check in:**
  - **Victoria Meyer: Provided group with a new book recommendation: *Atomic Bamboozle* at [atomicbamboozle.com](http://atomicbamboozle.com)**
  - **Greg Smith: Attended climate change breakfast group that focused on biomass being used as a substitute for coal in Europe; forests in US being cut and turned into pellets for this purpose to meet carbon emission requirements.**
  - **Dylan: shared about council meeting.**
  - **Dan: gardening updates.**
  - **Kate: gardening updates.**
- **Guest speaker Roger Kainu presented to SAB:**
  - **Rebates are available for income populations of higher income.**
  - **Options of what to do as a city.**
  - **ODOE Incentives—go to home page**
    - **Oregon solar and storage rebate program;**
    - **Heat pump**
    - **DREP grants—heat pump incentive programs**
    - **Solar for all—state of Oregon incentives \$86 million for low income**
    - **Senate bill 79—gave every utility duty to pay 3% to energy trust.**
    - **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for small cities. Goes to all cities from 5/22/24 to 7/8/24. Can get \$50k- \$100k.**
    - **ETO Incentives—heat pump replacement for electric furnace**
    - **Home energy score—multiple cities currently have this mandatory. (Dan-investigating)**
- **Earth Day Celebration report and discussion**
  - **Tualatin Riverkeepers: Victoria will contact Greg with Tualatin Riverkeepers regarding river trip.**
  - **SAB talked about new venue next year. Perhaps at a school? Looking for more visibility.**
- **Resolution regarding replacing fossil fuel-powered tools, appliances, and furnaces with devices powered by electricity**
  - **Victoria and Greg attended the West Linn city council meeting regarding resolution. The resolution was passed by the council.**
- **Suggestions for Recreation Center planners**

- Greg went over the key points. City is having a meeting a week from now on this topic.
- **Report on interaction with Transportation Advisory Board**
  - Kate reached out to West Linn transportation board, and chair will get back in a couple of weeks.
  - Greg question—building near the settling pond. With regards to dense housing, how will they deal with dense parking?
- **Discussion about moving forward on proposal about gas-powered leaf blowers**
  - Greg e-mailed info from Lake Oswego Sustainability Network and will be talking with them. Greg going to the next meeting. Key points: Can't use gas-powered leaf blowers during spring, summer, until September.

Greg and Victoria spoke with John Williams earlier in the week about the city's willingness to hire a sustainability consultant to review city's sustainability and climate action plans, recommend a sequence of actions for implementation, help identify potential sources of funding, and work with city staff to write and submit relevant grant proposals.

- **New leadership for SAB:**
  - Group discussion regarding next co-chair. Kate nominated Victoria and Dan. Greg encouraged people to talk with him about responsibilities and time requirements.
- **New business – other issues we should be considering:**
  - West Linn community garden discussion and Oppenlander. How do we provide more garden spots for interested citizens?
- **Adjourn at 7:30**