

SAB Minutes:

February 20, 2025 6:00-7:30

1. Call to order

- **Members present:** Dan Reesor, Mike Carlson, Kate Jaspers, Roberto Baturoni, and Greg Smith
- **Member excused absence:** Victoria Meier
- **City officials present:** Dylan Digby

2. Public comments

- No members of the public were present.

3. Check in (5 min)

- **Greg:** Mike and Greg attended West Linn gardening club meeting. Talked about ways to have neighbors and share garden education. Attended electrify building coalition meeting, sponsored by LO Sustainability Network committee. Greg shared that Tiffany resigned from SAB.
- **Kate**—Girl scout cookie drive. Busy with family
- **Mike:** discussed the Energy Trust of Oregon Building Energy Consumption dashboard discussion that the city might be able to use. Greg will look into this more.
- **Dan:** working on garden last week, presented gardening basics to work colleagues
- **Roberto Baturoni**—interested in seeing the dashboard for energy audit for the city. Working on presentation for the tree canopy code plan.
- **Dylan:** Historic city hall grant is almost done (\$3,600).

4. Approval of December and January minutes (5 min)

- Mike moved to approve, and Dan seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. Review Paramatrix recommendations and compare them to SAB goals. Decide which to focus on (top three or so) in the coming year(s).

- **#1 Develop a policy regarding the purchase of alternative fuel, electric, and/or hybrid vehicles including a cost/benefit analysis for future purchases.**
 - Greg asked for clarification on #1. Raised concern about more charging stations.
 - **Unanimous approval for #1.**
- **#2 Consider sustainable building features and equipment in the design and construction of the new public works and parks operations building.**
 - Dylan talked about counsel goals, in conjunction with #2 goal.
 - **Unanimous approval for #2.**
- **#3 Complete LED lighting upgrades in all city facilities.**

- Dylan talked about this goal is already naturally happening
- **Unanimous approval for #3.**
- **#4 Seek additional funding and prioritize opportunities for public building HVAC upgrades and solar installations.**
- **#5 Evaluate opportunities to establish ongoing sustainability funding without diminishing the city’s ability to deliver essential services.**
 - Dylan was not able to get generator for senior center.
 - SAB question- New person writing grants?
 - Greg asked if we could write 4 and 5 together? Mike supported this.
 - **Unanimous approval #4 and #5.**
- **#6 work with local businesses and developers to encourage them to install EV charging stations.**
 - Dylan and mayor identified a couple of larger developers to meet with to discuss this.
 - **Unanimous approval of #6.**
- **#7 Increase opportunities for community members and businesses to reduce waste by sharing and repurposing unwanted products.**
- **#8 Create and distribute a directory with repair services in West Linn.**
 - Mike and Roberto mentioned this is already happening in West Linn. Dylan agrees with this.
 - Greg volunteered to write an op-ed about recycling appliances, and discussed Robinwood repair fair. Between now and next meeting, all SAB members to think of ideas regarding recycling for Greg to write about.
 - SAB members combined 7 and 8.
 - **Unanimous approval of #7 and #8**

6. Discuss adding top SAB goals not included in those of Paramatrix:

A) Mike’s baseline audit of City energy usage

- Mikes baseline audit of City energy usage—Mike to continue to work on this. Roberto will help Mike with this project.
 - Mike gave update—Greg asked if a city employee can assist with this? Roberto talked about automating this process.
 - SAB recommends Mike and Roberto collaborate on this project.
- Dylan shared the sustainability audit page on the city website.

B) Partnering with Lake Oswego promoting electric yard tools

- Greg shared that LO sustainability network is focused on education, rather than regulations. In part, this is so it doesn't affect small business owners. Their focus is on landscaping tools in general, not just leaf blowers.
 - LO also sponsors fairs, with companies that sell these products.
 - Greg will work on collaboration with LO sustainability network for education and outreach.
- Dan—other communities in Clackamas County create a backup fund to help small companies purchase new equipment.

C) Revision of the tree code, using the work that Dan has done

- Greg and Dan would like to set up a meeting with Darren Wyss to discuss Goal 5 presentation and set a date to present it to Council.

- Dan—will send PP slides to Roberto, who would like to attend meeting with Darren, Greg and Dan.
- Roberto talked about tree canopy as well, he created a presentation and shared slide show. "Tree Canopy Management"
- Define scope, and what is the revision? Greg said to look at Milwaukie revision of tree code.
- Dan—look at city code regarding wetlands development

7. Communication efforts

A) Generate more topics for articles in The Tidings or the city newsletter.

- Greg will work on this, given Tiffinay's resignation from SAB. Possible topic is to promote garden sharing as in Anchorage and in NE Portland.
- Collaborate with LO Sustainability Network on outreach efforts.

8. Education efforts

A) Earthday outreach this year, yes or no

- Kate mentioned participating in workday/earth day event and making T-shirts and talking one on one with volunteers. Kate will attempt to design a T-shirt logo; Greg will look into screen printers to make shirts.

B) Old Town Fair - we need to decide by March if we want to participate

- Greg will register the SAB with Old Time Fair.

C) Backyard Habitat is interested in giving a talk at the library late summer or early fall;

- Greg will work on scheduling this with library and reserving space.

How do we prepare to support that and have it be successful?

- Backyard Habitat is interested in library a presentation during late summer or early fall. Greg will talk with library about reserving room at the library.

D) Are there any other educational efforts we wish to participate in at the library, for example, rebates for EVs?

- Yes, try to coordinate with LO Sustainability Network.

E) Do we wish to partner with the high school again?

- Yes, there is interest in pursuing this.

10. Survey on next meeting, March 20 - in person?

- Dylan will work on setting up room for next SAB meeting.

11. New business

- Greg—will gather information about the resolution the City of Ashland passed relating to gas furnaces and appliances in people’s homes. Resolutions to replace gas powered vehicles with EVs. Greg will also forward the news article.

12. Action items

- Greg—City of Ashland?
- Dylan—working on room set up March 20th
- Greg—library set up room early fall for habitat for humanity
- Greg—old town fair registration
- Kate—working on T shirt design
- Greg—screen printer for T shirts (Dan)
- Earth day—SAB will volunteer
- Dan—email Roberto Part 2 slides
- Roberto—will email his presentation to the SAB about a Canopy Management Plan
- Greg—setting up a meeting with Darren, for Dan, Roberto, relating to tree code. Roberto will also tell Daryl about the Canopy Management Plan
- Code issues tied into the wetlands issue
- All SAB members consider how to set up meetings with business community and developers relating to EV charging stations. (talk with Dylan and Leo about who would be invited)

13. Adjourn

- Adjournment at 7:30pm

Minutes approved at 3/20/25 meeting