

SAB Minutes March 20, 2025, 6:00-7:30

1. Call to order—Victoria

2. Public comments

- Karie Oakes with Marylhurst neighborhood (Just listening)
- Greg volunteered to do a follow-up phone call with Karie.

3. Check in

- Greg: Oregon League of Conservation Voters conversation with rep Jules Walter's chief of staff and senator and Senate President Rob Wagner. 4 individuals from West Linn spoke with Jules Walter's COS, and 11 individuals from West Linn and Lake Oswego spoke with Senate President Rob Wagner, to support environmental causes.

4. Approval of February minutes

- Greg—
 - Moved to approval last month's minutes, with a change stating that WL did not get grant to make a generator purchase.
 - Dan seconded Greg's motion to approve minutes, subject to above correction.
- Minutes unanimous approval.

5. Goal setting:

A) Review our top ten goals for 2025 and beyond (see one-page handout).

- SAB top ten goals reviewed in meeting.
- Reviewed four top SAB goals not included in those of Paramatrix.

B) Study Ashland's new regulation on charging fees for gas appliances; is this something we would like to consider in West Linn?

- Dan asked for more time to review Ashland's ordinance regarding natural gas appliances.
- Greg suggested we set over to next time. Greg will resend to SAB, and all will review prior to the next meeting.
- Roberto supports high schoolers involved in this potential project.
- Leo said there would likely be resistance to any fees.

6. **Communication efforts:** Think of topics for the newsletter, especially where to recycle things. Greg needs specific ideas for his article, including websites, like stuff for free.

- Victoria suggested the tree code revision discussed in the newsletter.

- Greg and Dan debriefed the meeting with the city planning manager. Discussed ideas of SAB becoming more involved in other projects the city currently is working on, that may have an impact on trees.
 - Greg suggested writing about infill, and the number of trees being cut in the process.
 - The first step as SAB members, is to conduct research into Tigard and Milwaukie tree code revisions, then report back to SAB for further discussion.
- Greg will write (in newsletter and West Linn Tidings) about more people growing their own food, sharing garden space, and recycling.

7. Education efforts

- April 19th (Earth day) workday and garden workday.
- Greg—WL garden club presentation on beginning gardening presentation (Diane Awalt). he will make a reservation for May 1st at Robinwood Station, and will work to promote.
- Greg sent an email to library liaison Doug Arrison, regarding Backyard Habitat presentation in August or September.
- Earth day outreach this year: Greg, Dan, T-shirts will not be purchased this year.
- Backyard Habitat's fall library talk: Will occur in August or September. Greg emailed request to Library.

D) Set up coordination with the high school early this summer, possibly research on the tree canopy with the Environmental Science class:

- Greg and Victoria will meet to discuss.
- Greg suggested contacting Jeff Bingham and Jim Hartmann. (environmental studies teachers). Gab (science teacher).

8. What is the next step on bringing developers and community leaders together for a discussion on private funding for EV charging stations? Who should organize this meeting?

- Can Dylan and Lou advise us? Dylan discussed this issue again with the mayor, who is supportive. Emails are currently going back and forth between the parties on this topic.

9. Do we wish to follow through with neighborhood preparedness, the Be Two Weeks Ready program? If so, how can we partner with Dylan to support his efforts?

- Dylan—had meeting regarding emergency preparedness with HOAs.
- Greg asked about churches outreach, and whether it would be helpful to do presentations.

10. Survey on next meeting, April 17th - in person?

- Yes, SAB members support in person next month. Dylan will reserve a room at city hall.

11. New business

- Greg—electric lawn equipment—suggested working with LO sustainability network. Greg will continue conversation with them.
- Dylan—electric lawn equipment—suggested this would be a good topic to write an article on. This is a counsel goal, waiting on the SAB to suggest ideas to reduce gas powered equipment.
- Greg made a reservation for the old time fair for July 12th.

12. Action items

- Greg—work on various topics to write on in Op-Ed articles.
- Greg—continue to network LKO Sustainability Network. Network with them on electric lawn equipment.
- Dylan—reserve an in-person location
- Victoria—will email Greg contact info from Portland shared garden system in Portland.
- Victoria and Roberto—will contact each other to discuss working with high school students.
- Greg—will follow up with library regarding Back Yard Habitat presentation.
- Earth Day:
 - Roberto and Greg will attend the WL workday.
 - Victoria and Dan will attend garden workday.
- Greg or Dan—call Karie Oakes with Marylhurst neighborhood regarding tree code.
- Greg and Dan—research how much time would it take to engineer a tree code revision, prior to next meeting.
- Greg—will resend Ashland’s new ordinance about natural gas in homes. SAB to review prior to next meeting.
- SAB members—email Greg about recycling opportunities he might not know about

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