

**Call to Order:** 6:03 PM

**In attendance:** Roberto Baturoni (Co-Chair), Rob Kugler, Victoria Meier (Co-Chair), Amy Schauer, Greg Smith, Samantha Thoreson, & Dylan Digby (Staff Liaison).

**Absent:** Mike Carlson & Leo Groner (City Council Liaison).

**Opening:** Chair welcomed members and noted the City Council Retreat scheduled for February 26, 2026. SAB priorities and CAG workplans will be reviewed at that retreat.

**Public Comments:** No members of the public present.

**Member Check-In:**

**Greg** – Will attend EcoFaith “Two Weeks Ready” workshop (Canby Lutheran Church) to explore community resilience training model. Active with Third Act Oregon and Oregon Coalition for the Environmental Rights Amendment (OSERA). Attending OSU Small Farms Conference to gather insight on food resilience and sustainability conversations.

**Roberto** – Continued progress on TreePlotter program with West Linn High School. Engaged with Lake Oswego Watershed Council (Jack Hasley) regarding W3 watershed collaboration between cities. Emphasized learning from Lake Oswego and Beaverton High School best practices for multi-year science programs. Highlighted opportunity to systematize sustainability dashboards as a future item.

**Rob Kugler** – River Falls Shopping Center landlords remain unresponsive regarding EV charging. ODOT grant window currently closed; expected to reopen summer 2026. Continued lobbying in Salem for SB 1541 (Climate Superfund bill).

**Amy** – Continued review of Parametrix recommendations and SAB goal alignment. Raised equity considerations related to gas-powered equipment phase-out policies. Active with Third Act Oregon and Oregon Coalition for the Environmental Rights Amendment (OSERA). Attending OSU Small Farms Conference to gather insight on food resilience and sustainability conversations.

**Samantha** – Continuing review of SAB documents and catching up on board initiatives.

**Dylan (Staff)** – Council retreat packet completed (includes SAB Annual Report). Two Weeks Ready program gaining traction; recruiting Community Hosts. Public Works operations building in Planning Commission review. City DEI internal initiatives ongoing. Noted upcoming recycling standardization changes at state level.

**Minutes:** January 15, 2026 minutes were approved by majority vote.

## **REVISIT JANUARY ACTION ITEMS:**

Tree Inventory & Canopy Mapping Initiative: Roberto confirmed ongoing coordination with Megan Big John and WLHS teachers. Multi-year academic integration remains the goal. Collaboration with Lake Oswego Watershed Council is progressing. Watershed program expected to be formalized next month. SAB to remain engaged as needed.

### **EV Charging Infrastructure**

City Hall charger is now operational. Willamette Falls area charger installed via grant. Library charger is in progress. Commercial landlord engagement remains challenging; possible new commercial ownership changes may create opportunity. Focus discussed on apartment complexes due to higher demand need.

**Action Items:** Continue monitoring grant reopening (Rob). Track potential ownership transitions at commercial centers (Dylan). Revisit multi-family housing outreach strategy.

### **Climate Superfund Bill – SB 1541**

Bill passed committee; now in Joint Ways & Means. Significant advocacy activity statewide. Discussion held regarding SAB sending a support letter.

**Action Items:** Rob to circulate draft letter to SAB members. Dylan to confirm with City Attorney re: procedural guidance for SAB to submit independent letters

## **2026 GOALS – PRIORITIZATION DISCUSSION**

The Board reviewed City Council sustainability goals and secondary goals in detail. Not all goals were discussed. Only those discussed are numbered here.

### **1. Gas-Powered Equipment Modernization**

Discussion shifted framing from “ban” to “modernization strategy.” Equity concerns highlighted, including financial support needs for small landscaping businesses; Portland Clean Energy Fund cited as an example model.

**Action Items:** Explore collaboration with Lake Oswego, Oregon City, and Gladstone. Investigate possibility of approaching Clackamas County for a funding mechanism. Compile funding and grant examples in shared repository (Roberto to help organize).

### **2. a. Repair & Reuse Directory**

Greg identified 19 West Linn repair businesses. Discussion on whether to include neighboring cities for missing categories. Consensus: focus on West Linn businesses primarily, with reference to nearby repair services if a category is not available locally.

**Action Items:** Greg to finalize repair list. Once completed, coordinate publication on City website. Consider newsletter article promoting repair economy. Explore Robinwood Repair Fair collaboration (Feb 28).

## **2. b. Alternative Fuel Policy**

Parametrix draft policy about purchasing EVs shared with Public Works staff.

**Action Item:** Dylan to check with Public Works and report status at next meeting.

## **2. c. Installing more EV chargers**

The grant window is currently closed. See above under January Action Items.

**Action Items:** Continue monitoring grant reopening (Rob). Track potential ownership transitions at commercial centers (Dylan). Revisit multi-family housing outreach strategy.

## **2. d. Green Bonds**

Discussion acknowledged limited statewide use. Consensus: continue light research, not an immediate priority.

**Action Item:** Amy to connect (via Dylan introduction) with Finance staff for an informational discussion.

## **2. e. Facilities & Efficiency Upgrades**

Request for clearer tracking of LED upgrades, HVAC improvements, and electric equipment purchases. Clarification: Facilities fall under Parks (Megan Big John).

**Action Item:** Invite Megan (or a Parks representative) to present an update at a future SAB meeting.

## **3. Conservation Pricing (Water Rates)**

UAB (Utility Advisory Board) currently reviewing water rates. Consensus: monitor UAB work; SAB will revisit once proposal advances.

## **4. Education & Community Outreach**

### **a. Composting / Vermiculture Workshop**

Samantha proposed hosting a community composting class.

**Action Items:** Samantha to explore OSU Extension collaboration. Consider Community Center venue. Coordinate scheduling with staff. Victoria & Samantha to visit each others' composting.

### **b. Old Fashioned Fair Participation**

Board agreed to participate again. New concept: "Touch-a-Truck" style electric lawn equipment demonstration with a family-focused engagement model.

**Action Item:** Explore feasibility of electric equipment demo for Old Fashioned Fair.

## **5. Waterfront & Vision 43**

Vision 43 Open House was held February 12. Victoria will monitor future meetings and report.

**Action Item:** Victoria to track Vision 43 updates, attend the next meeting, and notify the SAB.

## **9. Emergency Preparedness – Two Weeks Ready**

Greg to collaborate with Dylan on outreach strategy. Potential church-based presentations discussed.

**Action Item:** Greg and Dylan will meet next week to coordinate next steps.

## **11. Food Waste & Recycling Education**

Discussion included clear labeling on bins, standardization requirements forthcoming, and a potential partnership with West Linn Refuse & Recycling.

**Action Item:** Dylan to invite Waste/Recycling provider to future SAB mtg for update & disc.

## **14. Energy Usage Data Transparency**

Discussion about a potential future sustainability dashboard. Concept acknowledged as a longer-term initiative. Deferred for future development.

## **15. Tree Inventory & Mapping** (see discussion in January Action Items & Roberto's check-in)

### **ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY:**

#### **All SAB members -**

- a. Explore collaboration with Lake Oswego, OC & Gladstone re: gas-powered equipment.
- b. Investigate possibility of approaching Clackamas County for a funding mechanism.
- c. Compile funding and grant examples in shared repository (Roberto to help organize).
- d. Explore the feasibility of electric equipment demo for the Old Fashioned Fair.
- e. Revisit multi-family housing outreach strategy for EV charging station locations.
- f. Invite Megan (or a Parks representative) to present an update at a future SAB meeting.

**Roberto** - compile funding examples of exploration of gas equipment modernization in collaboration with neighboring cities and Clackamas County

**Rob** - a. Continue monitoring ODOT grant reopening;  
b. circulate SB 1541 support letter draft to SAB members

**Victoria** - a. Collaborate with Samantha; visit each others' composting bins.  
b. track Vision 43 updates, attend the next meeting, and notify the SAB.

c. Will attend EcoFaith “Two Weeks Ready” workshop (Canby Lutheran Church) to explore community resilience training model.

**Amy** - Amy to connect (via Dylan introduction) with Finance staff for informational discussion.

**Greg** - a. will finalize Repair & Reuse directory. Once completed, coordinate publication on City website. Consider newsletter article promoting repair economy.

b. Will attend EcoFaith “Two Weeks Ready” workshop (Canby Lutheran Church) to explore community resilience training model.

c. Greg and Dylan will meet next week to coordinate next steps on "Two Weeks Ready"

**Samantha** - explore OSU Extension composting workshop collaboration. Consider Community Center venue. Coordinate scheduling with staff. Collaborate with Victoria; visit each others' composting bins.

**Dylan** - a. Track potential ownership transitions at commercial centers;

b. confirm with City Attorney re: procedural guidance for SAB to submit independent letters;

c. check with Public Works and report status of the City's purchase of alternative fuel, EVs, etc.

d. invite Waste/Recycling provider to a future SAB meeting for update and discussion.

**Lou** - will continue to pursue the Walmart landlord re: EV charging station

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 19, 2026, in person at City Hall, at 6:00 PM.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:25 PM