

West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

8/18/16

Attendance	<p>Board / Staff: Alex Mihm, Sara Harding Mihm, Glen Friedman, Tamara Gilbert, Clare Bean, Darren Wyss, Russ Axelrod</p> <p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharon Selvaggio from Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides Josh Halley and Darren Spencer from PGE
Action Items	<p>Pesticides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara to order 50 brochures of the educational materials from Metro that Tamara brought. SAB is to start on compiling the City's chemical inventory and usage -- Public Works, Parks & Rec. BEFORE September 13th public meeting. Pesticides: Create a running list of ideas that can be used in a campaign focused on reducing pesticides. <p>Green power:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request a draft resolution from PGE to have ready for the 8/29 Council work session. 9/12 is the next Council Meeting. Connect with other pesticides group to start working on the issue collaboratively. Connect with Parks/Public Works to start on the City's chemical inventory
Decisions Made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voted 4-0 in favor of recommending the Clean Wind Program, Platinum level, to City Council.
Pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another West Linn group is interested in the pesticides topic and is holding a public discussion at the Library on Tuesday, September 13th, from 6 to 8. Mayor Axelrod's hope is for this group and SAB to come together to work collaboratively. What the USGS South Metro Area Creeks Study says: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a Federal requirement to have a stormwater permit. Pesticide-related toxins' concentrations were found above benchmark levels for 40% of streams. The samples found the presence of Fipronil and Bifenthrin, considered possible human carcinogens by EPA. Communications efforts were discussed to best reach residents. Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website page dedicated to pesticides Newsletter Website Social Media Mailing in water bill Outreach: Engage with the schools to reach children so that families become more aware Other ideas mentioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backyard habitat certification Community Stewardship: Retailer partnerships (Home Depot, Ace) Community calendar of events and push Master Gardeners to table for a massive presence West Linn passport Mini sustainability fair
PGE Clean Wind Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Linn already has enough residents who purchase green power to satisfy that requirement of becoming a Green Power Community. The City (gov't) would need to begin purchasing green power in order for us to become certified; the level they decide upon will determine our Award Level. Green Mountain Power to promote purchasing green power to residents for 2 months; goal is 200 new households and businesses to sign up City (gov't) yearly energy use: 3.66 million kWh; monthly average approx. 305,000 Clean Wind Award Levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Platinum: 100% of annual kWh -- \$914.92 premium per month Gold: 50% of annual kWh -- \$457.46 premium per month Silver: 25% -- \$228.73 Bronze: 10% -- \$91.49 Relate to Plan emissions goals in communications with Council Alex asks, isn't this the City's best bet, dollar for dollar, to reduce emissions and meet Plan goals? Shouldn't this be the first place to start? (To research, for example, how it might fit with energy efficiency retrofits.)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alex to write recommendation on behalf of SAB prior to 8/29 Council work session, recommending platinum.• Alex to put together infographic comparing CO2 savings equivalents for all 4 Award Levels prior to 8/29 work session. |
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