

## West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

West Linn City Hall

2/21/19, 6-7:30pm

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Board:</b> Cindy Ellison, Glen Friedman, Sara Harding Mihm, John Rose, Terry Shumaker <b>Council Liaison:</b> Mayor Axelrod <b>Staff Liaison:</b> Darren Wyss <b>Guests:</b> Susie Peterson from the Backyard Habitat Program, Alex Mihm
<b>Mission</b>	<a href="#"><u>From the Charter (Mission):</u></a> The Sustainability Advisory Board is committed to collaborating with government and residents to improve the quality of life in West Linn by advancing stewardship of our environmental, social, and economic resources that is equitable for all present and future generations.

### 1. Public Comment (5 minutes)

- None.

### 2. Check-ins / Updates (5 minutes)

- Sara HM shared that there are bills in the Oregon legislature including a plastic bag ban and straw ban.
- Russ shared that the State of the City is on February 28 at the Library. One topic that will come up includes the City's partnership with PGE.
- John shared information about WLLOvillage.org.

### 3. Review Action Items from past meeting(s) (5 minutes)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Status</u>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Darren</b> will ask the City Manager if we need to go through a formal process to approve our charter.</li></ul> <p>Let Russ edit the charter, Council will make a motion, and the Council will adopt it.</p>	Review the charter with Russ' comments before it goes into approval
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>All SAB members</b> are encouraged to meet with their workshop buddies to start working on details.</li></ul>	In progress
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Darren</b> to schedule a date to have a joint work session with City Council.</li></ul>	Pending retreat this weekend. Hasn't heard
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Darren</b> to get information on the Old Time Fair regarding logistics and getting SAB a table.</li></ul>	Option to have a standalone or be a part of the City booth
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sara HM</b> connect Cindy w/ Patrick Malee at the West Linn Tidings.</li></ul>	Pending
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Cindy</b> to share the workshop description provided by Elleen Stark.</li></ul>	Done

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John</b> to email Alicia Shroyer regarding West Linn's branding needs, regarding a flyer for the workshop series.</li> </ul>	Done
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All</b> to complete workshop descriptions, titles, and bios.</li> </ul>	
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sara HM</b> to send out the link to the WL SAB folder to the group.</li> </ul>	Done

#### 4. Review / Approve January Meeting Notes (5 minutes)

**Summary** January minutes were approved unanimously.

**Discussion** None.

#### 5. Backyard Habitat Certification Program Update (30 minutes)

**Summary** Susie Peterson provided an update to the Backyard Habitat Program and its progress in West Linn. Over 5,200 program participants in Portland, Lake Oswego, Gresham, West Linn, Oak Grove Jennings Lodge, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Wilsonville, Happy Valley, Gladstone, and Damascus. This spring additional areas of expansion will include Washington and Clark Counties.

**Discussion** Updates

- 79 private yards enrolled (under 1 acre). This includes 15 certified sites, and 64 in progress.

City Funding

- Wilsonville signed a contract immediately due to their strong bee program, interest in getting people to plant natives. They fund the Backyard Habitat Program by providing \$13,000 per year.
- Lake Oswego gives about twice that of Wilsonville, but they requested more outreach, a certain number of demonstration sites.
- Milwaukie is giving about \$7,500 per year.

Outreach Ideas

- Repair Fairs at Robinwood Station
- March 6 pollinator and toxics reduction workshop
- Old Time Fair

Ideas

- Connect with other boards (Budget, bee program through the Parks Department)

Russ recommend that we connect with the Budget committee in April/May.

#### 6. Discussion: Sustainability Education Series Updates and Deadlines (35 minutes)

**Summary** SAB members updated the group on the Sustainability Education Series at the Library.

**Discussion** Detailed notes can be found on the [Milestone 1 - Sustainability Education Series](#) document

On the master list, include the Old Time Fair event as something like: "Look for us at the Old Time Fair with an e-bike demonstration!" and, TBD in Fall 2019: Weatherization

March 6  
Native by Design: Re-Imagine Beauty with More Habitat, Less Lawn  
Speaker: Eileen Stark

April 4  
Climate Change in Oregon: Now and in the Foreseeable Future  
Speaker: Eben Polk from Clackamas County

May 22  
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
Speaker: Alex Mihm

July 19-21  
Old Time Fair  
E-Bikes: Cynergy Bikes is likely to show up on Saturday

## 7. Review New Action Items (5 minutes)

- **Alex** to send the title of the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle event to John for the master list.
- **Cindy** and **Terry** to Include the Backyard Habitat Certification conversation in March's agenda, as it relates to funding requests and how to tie in the request with our other priorities.
- **Cindy** will email Russ with the request for edits of the Charter, and ask him to resend the newest version to SAB after that.
- **Cindy** will reach out to Lisa Clifton regarding promoting the Backyard Habitat Program through Repair Fairs and at Robinwood Station.
- **Darren** can email the Native flyer to SAB, as well as the West Linn master list template to John.
- **Darren** will check in with City Manager regarding the joint work session with SAB.
- **Glen** will connect with teacher(s) from West Linn High School regarding promoting the education series.
- **Glen** to email John with the list of the dates of the workshops, as well as the titles.
- **John** to connect with Alicia regarding creating a master flyer.
- **Russ** to check in with Rebecca Guysam (sp?) at the next water conservation consortium's Executive Committee meeting, and perhaps there's an opportunity to divert some funding from the consortium if West Linn cannot.
- **Sara HM** to send information about the plastic bag ban and straw bans to SAB. If the City likes the ban, we can ask the City to provide testimony.
- **Sara HM** to email Patrick Malee to send the master list flyer, as well as the Eileen Stark flyer, and ask that they write a story about our upcoming sustainability education series.

## Decisions Made

- **Cindy** and **Terry** were unanimously elected as co-chairs.