

West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

WebEx Virtual Meeting

1/20/22, 6-7:30pm

Attendance **Board:** Terence Shumaker, Kim Bria, Victoria Meier, Michael Carlson, Gregory Smith, Debbie Wong
Council Liaison: Absent (Council duties)
Staff Liaison: Brenna Cruz
Guests: Alex Mihm

Mission [From the Charter \(Mission\)](#): 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.

Agenda Topic 2 – Review/Approve December Meeting Notes

Summary Approved December, 2021 Meeting Notes

Discussion None

Agenda Topic 3 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Topic 4 – Check-ins/Updates

- Mary Baumgardner: Absent
- Kim Bria: None
- Michael Carlson: Began classes in new program
- Brenna Cruz: Officially the SAB staff liaison, (See Staff Liaison report)
- Charity Hudnut: Absent
- Victoria Meier: Glad to be here on time
- Terence Shumaker: Read book “The Hidden Life of Trees”
- Gregory Smith: Read more about resilience team efforts in Oakland and Humboldt county, CA
- Debbie Wong: Happy to be new member of SAB

Agenda Topic 5 – Sustainability Education Series Update

Summary Brainstormed ideas for seminars for remainder of 2022

Discussion Alex Mihm to present in June. Ideas for future seminars:

- Climate change seminars should be in person, with breakouts, and short films
- Food preservation/gleaning in fall
- Xeriscaping and water harvesting included in water conservation seminar in July
- Portland fruit tree project, neighborhood inventory of fruit trees
- Building materials alternatives (concrete) and code changes related to it
- Evaluating and installing residential solar panels.
- Food waste seminar
- At May garden seminar can mention garden building. How to garden year round and construct raised bed gardens

	<p>We should conduct a survey to get ideas for sessions. Brenna to look into survey mechanics. Reach out to past attendees.</p> <p>Agreed not to conduct seminars in August and September. Topics for October, November and December to be decided at February meeting.</p>
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Agenda Topic 6 – 2022 Goals and Priorities

Summary	Alex Mihm, former SAB chair, provided background on efforts to include food waste in yard debris bins. SAB should evaluate and carefully prioritize goals for 2022 and get sufficient information on incorporating food waste into yard debris bins, and how to best pursue the reduction and eventual elimination of gas-powered equipment such as leaf blowers, trimmers etc.
Discussion	<p>Alex works with county in sustainability efforts and recounted local efforts on how to start allowing food waste to be included in yard debris bins. West Linn may have to talk to county. Cost in 2016 was reason West Linn city council nixed the plan. Food waste is not big influence on climate, but worth it in long run. Topics discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much will cost? 2. City work with county and waste hauler to determine cost 3. Can opt in for additional cost? Has to be bundled into service 4. Lake Oswego in 2016 added option for 20 gal trash can 5. Portland city data available? Present to WL city council 6. Education required for populace to implement this program <p>Incentivize backyard composting to divert waste. Brenna can ask people she knows regarding program implementation. Greg will help.</p> <p>Work on residential level to replace gas powered tools. Work with incentives, and see if there is interest locally on part of residents. Use sustainability survey for all above topics. Talk with other cities to get data.</p>

Agenda Topic 7 – Community Development Code Revision Update

Summary	No information yet. Not sure who is in charge.
Discussion	City council approved use of staff time to research specific areas of the CDC, and the #1 goal of SAB for 2022 was for staff to identify which CDCs the SAB should review in order to meet Council's 2021 goals. As stated in the 2021 Sustainability Advisory Board's annual report, this goal was to be accomplished by March 2022.

Agenda Topic 8 – Baseline Audits Update

Summary	Need additional data for all resource use by city in order to make changes to reduce resource consumption.
Discussion	<p>Spreadsheet from Brenna Cruz showed a bit of energy use rise in 2021, and not a significant change in overall energy use. Staff making adjustments re lights, HVAC etc.</p> <p>Efforts to decrease room temp in winter & increase in summer?</p> <p>Use this data to begin looking at retrofits. Where can we go now with PGE and/or Oregon Energy Trust? Brenna will post energy & water audits for SAB to review.</p>

Agenda Topic 9 – SAB Staff Liaison Update

Summary	West Linn should be purchasing 100% renewable energy by 2025.
Discussion	Representative from PGE will attend SAB February meeting to discuss baseline for

residential participation in energy programs. Could help us understand where our community energy consumption is.
Use this info to begin campaign for residential energy-saving program adoption.
Could us incentive for gas-driven power tool exchange program to replace with electric tools.
City's electric power consumption is 85% completely renewable this year, and by 2025 will be 100% renewable.
Concern among SAB members that the city had signed on to a 100% completely renewable program several years ago, but for some reason that agreement did not take effect. Based on that oversight by either PGE or the city, West Linn has been paying more for its electricity than it should have.

Agenda Topic 10 – Council Representative Notes for Next Council Meeting Update

Summary Notes of SAB meetings to be provided to council liaison for city council meeting presentation.

Discussion No discussion.

Agenda Topic 11 – Adjourn At 7:34pm