

West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

WebEx Virtual Meeting

2/17/22, 6-7:30pm

Attendance **Board:** Kim Bria, Michael Carlson, Charity Hudnut, Victoria Meier, Terence Shumaker, Gregory Smith, Debbie Wong
Council Liaison: Mary Baumgardner
Staff Liaison: Jerry Gabrielatos
Guests: Shanna Brownstein, PGE, Michael Sannikov PGE, Cal Conrad PGE

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 January Meeting Notes

Summary Approved January Meeting Notes

Discussion None

Agenda Topic 3 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Topic 4 – Check-ins / Updates

- Victoria Meier:
- Jerry Gabrielatos: Brenna Cruz moved to Clackamas County. Searching for replacement.
- Terence Shumaker: Nothing to report
- Kim Bria: Good offer for mason bees from local grower.
- Michael Carlson: Six weeks into graduate program and feel that things are going well. Looking forward to putting what he's learning to good use.
- Gregory Smith: During a recent beach walk between Otter Rock and Beverly Beach State Park he was stunned to see how much erosion is taking place on the bluffs between the ocean and the road. All of this points to the importance of the work people concerned about sustainability and climate change are doing.
- Mary Baumgardner: Had a question about PGE and how much energy derived from hydropower.
- Charity Hudnut: Talked about the Eco School network organization and some of what they do.
- Debbie Wong: Excited this past week to see that the city was replacing some of the trees lost during the ice storm last year. Also saw first mason bee house during an urban walk.
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Agenda Topic 5 – PGE Community Program Overview – Shanna Brownstein

Summary

Discussion RENEWABLES PROGRAM
Shanna Brownstein: Things city can do: convert to electric fleet, roof solar, buildings, & everything else. What does city want its residents to do? Pair West Linn goals w/PGE. PGE moving to clean decarbonized system. In 12 months will have more options for cities. West

Linn currently in Green Future Impact program. Project coming online in 2022. 57% of energy forecast. 8% from another program – Renewable Energy Credit certificate. Currently 85% is renewable. 90% by 2025. 100% renewable by 2030. PGE will get back to SAB with cost per kwh.

ELECTRIC TOOL EXCHANGE

Cal Conrad: replace gas w/battery yard tools. Began 2021 with PGE employees. Started in Milwaukie. Exhibited at Portland home & garden show with [EGO brand](#) electric tools. Discounted prices for tools. Pre-register and pre-purchase tools. \$50 – 100 off retail w/recycled old tool. Gas tools turned in to be recycled & pick up electric tool. 83% customers satisfied. Program is new so planning and timing of events is fluid now. Overall long-term benefits in life cycle are positive. [Cal Bag](#) in Portland is recycler of gas tools.

TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION

PGE’s Drive Change Fund (DCF) can help municipalities electrify. Helps w/infrastructure. DCF application must promote electrification and benefit customers. First Student bus company has good electrification goals. Fleet program to transition to electric fleet. Right of way charging program. EV chargers on utility pole in ROW. Expand to Milwaukie & Salem. Go to PUC and build/own/operate charging infrastructure on behalf of city of WL. Work w/city on where to put chargers. Write letters to PUC re this program. How PGE responding to demand? Looking at building electrification and electric transportation. Looking at community storage facilities. Microgrid program installed in Beaverton, but cost is high now. Beaverton Police Dept. and Emergency Management program in new building with solar panels and battery storage to provide uninterrupted power.

Agenda Topic 6 – 2022 Goals and Priorities

Summary

Nothing to report on staff progress re 2022 SAB goals.

Discussion

GOALS: SAB needs progress report on goals stated in our 2021 annual report.
 COMPOST: Call Alex Mihm re Milwaukie garbage proposal
 Jerry met with West Linn Refuse. They can come to SAB meeting.
 Debbie to send info on composting to SAB
 Jerry check w/ fleet manager & parks rec on replacing gas with electric tools
 Victoria will confirm speaker for march education series.

Education series:
 October – Fall food preservation - Michael
 November – Low waste low energy holidays - Charity
 December – no session

Agenda Topic 7 – Community Development Codes Revision Update

Summary

No update. Report in march

Discussion

None

Agenda Topic 8 – Staff Liaison Update

Summary

Jerry will follow up with baseline energy/resource audit update.

Discussion

None

Agenda Topic 9 – Council Representative Notes for Council Meeting Update

Summary Get meeting notes to Mary Baumgardner. Send to group for editing.

Discussion None

Action Items for SAB members

- Discussion**
- **Debbie** to send info on composting to SAB members
 - **Jerry** to check with fleet manager & parks department for progress report on conversion to electric vehicles and electric tools.
 - **Victoria** to confirm speaker for march gardening education series program.
 - **Michael** to find speaker for October fall food preservation education series program.
 - **Charity** to enlist speaker(s) for November “Low waste low energy holidays” education series program.
 - **Kim & Terry** to enlist speaker(s) for May education series on “The Electric Future.”

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26pm