

West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting

WebEx Virtual Meeting

10/15/20, 6-7:30pm

Attendance **Board:** Cindy Ellison, Kim Bria, Terry Shumaker, Greg Smith, Victoria Meier, Andra Silgailis, Karin Haag
Council Liaison: Councilor Teri Cummings
Staff Liaison: Chris Myers
Guests: None

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.

1. Public Comment

- None

2. Check-ins / Updates

- Kim: water/energy project in Hillsboro & Oregon energy trust
- Chris: PGE solar facility sent email. Year-end reports due soon mid December.
- Karin: refining sustainable activities in home
- Andra: teaching kids about White Oak Savanna, oak tree usage
- Teri Cummings: uses clothesline
- Victoria: took out holly tree & planted natives in its place
- Greg: article published in Pamplin papers
- Terry: cut and hauled downed tree from White Oak Savanna

3. Review Action Items from past meeting(s)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Status</u>
June/19	Chris will continue work on ROW, park and open space overlay map	Pending
June/19	Chris will get us a work session date with the city council	Pending
January	Cindy/Victoria to research sustainable action process guide for county and work on proposal to council about Leaders in Sustainability.	Pending
February	Chris will call library director about feasibility of solar with new roof	Pending
February	Victoria to report on new Rosemont NA community garden when feasible; invited to meeting in November.	Pending
April	Chris and Terry to continue information gathering for SAB portion of city website.	Pending
August	Chris to get information on the sustainability equipment at Robinwood station. There is some sustainable lighting equipment but most is standard.	Pending
August	Chris to get information on LED lighting for city buildings: expensive to convert.	Pending

August	Teri to research the purchase of hybrid vehicles for the city. GO bond \$ for upgrades in sustainability.	Pending
August	Chris to get information on water used by city. City parks are overwatered. Should look to improve city water use.	Pending

4. Review / Approve May Meeting Notes

Summary Approved August Meeting Notes

Discussion None

5. Agenda Topic 5 – LEADERS IN SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST

Summary Put on hold

Discussion None

6. Agenda Topic 6 – DISCUSSION OF GOALS FOR 2021

Summary City council received the SAB proposal for sustainability staff person, and this should be a priority for SAB to lobby for.

Discussion One goal should be to become a member of the [Clean Cities Coalition](#). Lobbying councilors should include work session with council, meeting individually, letters and emails, write newspaper articles, post on social media sites, contact city manager Jerry Gabrielatos and attend and comment at public city meetings. Helps to have community discussions so city council continually hears about sustainability concerns. Use fact-based approach to convince community. Sustainability and equity conversation is needed. Collect discussion points for work session with council. Get info from local cities who have a sustainability staff person. Conduct scientific community attitude surveys.

7. Agenda Topic 7 - WEBSITE

Summary Get input from all SAB members. Send topics to Terry to compile rough draft. GET INPUT FROM ALL MEMBERS. SEND TOPICS AND SITES TO ME. GREG-HOW MUCH DO PEOPLE USE OUR WEBSITE OR JUST USE GOOGLE. ANDRA – CAN GET THERE THRU GOOGLE BUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN WEST LINN. OUR SITE WILL BE WEST LINN SPECIFIC.

Discussion Need to get input from all board members. Greg wondered how much people would use our site as opposed to using Google to get sustainability information. Andra indicated that it may be more useful if city residents knew that the information was West Linn specific.

8. Agenda Topic 8 - Unimproved Right-Of-Way Gardens/Plantings

Summary None

Discussion None

9. Review New Action Items

- Chris to get information on city parks water usage.
- Terry and Andra to collect website ideas from SAB members
- Chris to find out how and when to schedule a work session with city council.
- Kim to collect data points for Clean Cities Coalition discussion at city council work session.
- Cindy and Karin to get information on Lake Oswego and Milwaukie sustainability staff person.
- All SAB members to send Terry their ideas for website update.

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