



Work Plan-Fiscal Year 2020

Overview

The Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and City Manager in the development or initiation of programs or actions that will enhance and create sustainable practices within the City and the community. The Commission focuses on the Triple Bottom Line aspects of sustainability - social equity, environmental health and economic prosperity, and advises on policy matters related to:

- a) sustainable practices
- b) businesses that produce sustainable products and services
- c) City building design and infrastructure
- d) related issues that directly affect sustainability efforts considered by the council

Core Priorities/Work Items

This Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) work plan emphasizes core priorities, flexibility, and engagement. The core priorities guide the Commissions focal areas for on-going policy discussion, analysis, and ultimately recommendations to the City Council.

The proposed core priorities and specific policy issues for the Commission in FY20 are the following.

1. Outreach

- a. **Outreach/Engagement Pilot.** Develop a strategy to increase engagement with traditionally underrepresented populations in Eugene. The development of the strategy should include planning for meetings outside of the Atrium building and engaging with community partners to develop an effective outreach program.
- b. **Business Outreach.** Search for opportunities to collaborate with Eugene's business community to facilitate better understanding of sustainable business practices. Help promote and share actions successfully implemented by Eugene businesses.

2. **CAP2.0/Climate Mitigation Policy Input.** Plan and carry out strategies to educate the community, including neighborhood associations, about the CAP 2.0 Project and solicit community input and involvement around a variety of topics including consumption. Coordinate with Lane County's emerging sustainability efforts and review other climate action plans. Review the content of the CAP 2.0 process, policies, actions and projected outcomes, and provide feedback to Sustainability staff and/or City Council.

- a. **Transportation System Plan (TSP) Implementation (Active Transit and EVs).** Proactively seek opportunities to collaboratively assist City staff as it develops implementation strategies for the TSP that will align proposed projects with the Climate Recovery Ordinance.
- b. **Energy Used in Building Policies.** Investigate best practices for equitably reducing carbon emissions associated with building energy use in the commercial, industrial, and residential sectors. This work will include natural gas use and the City's franchise agreement/other avenues. Look for triple bottom-line solutions that are most cost effective.
- c. **Waste Reduction Policy.** Research policy options to continue to further restrict non-reusable fast food packaging such as straws, cups, clamshell packaging, Styrofoam packaging; prohibit some items or require surcharge, encourage re-usable service ware,

packaging. Review Eugene's food waste initiatives and explore ways to extend and enhance them.

- d. **Urban Forestry/HB2001.** Investigate the interactions between urban forestry and the new requirements for housing density spelled out in Oregon House Bill 2001 (2019). Research how increasing density can be done in a way that complements increasing canopy cover proposed by the urban forestry program.

3. **Climate Resiliency.** Review Eugene wildfire and smoke inundation preparedness and mitigation measures. Review City action to foster general neighborhood disaster preparedness, neighborhood organization and communication and collaborate with staff to further these actions.

4. **FY19 Follow-Up of Proposals Sent to City Council**

- a. **Single Use Plastics.** Monitor City Council actions to ensure that the polystyrene ban goes into effect. Look at other avenues to reduce single use plastics through the Waste Reduction Policy Committee.
- b. **Northwest Natural Franchise Agreement.** Continue to monitor and advise on the Northwest Natural Franchise Agreement City Council Discussion. Respond to updates through the CAP2.0 Buildings and Energy Committee.
- c. **Electric Vehicle Ready Homes.** Monitor Action at State Level to ensure appropriate progress is made to address the issue.
- d. **Home Energy Scoring Requirement for Home Sales and Rentals.** Work with staff to identify a work session date.
- e. **Tiny and small houses.** Monitor Council action to address housing issues including the need for tiny and small houses.
- f. **Riverfront Property.** Continue to monitor the Riverfront property development.

5. **Areas for further research**

- a. **Air Quality.** Research factors impacting air quality problems in Eugene. Look for solutions that the City can implement and that are sustainable which would improve air quality.
- b. **Envision Eugene and Urban Reserves.** As the City continues to identify areas for urban reserves research how this can be done keeping sustainability in mind.
- c. **Track and Field events policy.** The City of Eugene will be hosting two major track and field events over the next two years. Research how these events can be sustainable as possible and provide input.
- d. **Aerial spraying.** Research if the City has any regulatory authority to regulate aerial spraying within the City's watershed.
- e. **Dietary Choices and Climate Change.** Investigate the impacts of dietary choices on climate change and how to best communicate these findings.

6. **Emerging Issues.** Address unforeseen, but important sustainability-related items presented by the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Commissioners, or the public, in accordance with the Commission's adopted operating procedures.

Outcomes

- Provide policy recommendations to Eugene City Council.
- Provide a forum for addressing public concerns related to sustainable policies and practices.
- Provide input to City Council and City Manager on sustainability policies and practices that reflect community values.