



Commission Agenda

Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Sustainability Commissioners: Chair-Zach Mulholland, Vice-Chair- Julia Johnson, Howard Saxion, Art Farley, Doug Edwards, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Drew Johnson, Karyn Kaplan, Kelsey Zlevor, Mtima Richardson, Jim Ball and Councilor Emily Semple **Staff:** Samantha Roberts, Chelsea Clinton

	<u>Starting time</u>
1. <u>Opening (5 minutes)</u>	5:30 p.m.
- Action item: Review and approve agenda	
- Action item: Approve October meeting minutes	
2. <u>Public Comment (5 minutes)</u>	5:35 p.m.
3. <u>Commissioner Response to Public Comment (5 minutes)</u>	5:40 p.m.
4. <u>Vice Chair Election (15 minutes)</u>	5:45 p.m.
- Action Item: Elect New Vice Chair	
5. <u>COE Transportation: Electric Vehicles Presentation (60 minutes)</u>	6:00 p.m.
6. <u>Committee Updates (30 Minutes)</u>	7:00 p.m.
- Action Item: Proposal to Create Commission Outreach Strategy Committee	
- Action item: Proposal to Create 100% Renewable Energy Ballot Measure Committee	
- Committee Updates	
7. <u>Commissioner and Staff Updates (45 minutes)</u>	7:30 p.m.
- Updates from Staff (30 min)	
- Updates from Commissioners (15 min)	
8. <u>Council Communications and Updates (15 minutes)</u>	8:15 p.m.
- Update from Councilor Semple (See Council Tentative Working Agenda)	
9. <u>Closing: next steps, other follow-up (5 minutes)</u>	8:30 p.m.

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Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

In attendance: Chair-Zach Mulholland, Vice-Chair- Julia Johnson, Howard Saxion, Art Farley, Laura Allen, Louisa de Heer, Karyn Kaplan, Mtima Richardson, Kelsey Zlevor, Jim Ball, Doug Edwards and Councilor Emily Semple

Staff: Chelsea Clinton, Samantha Roberts

Absent: Drew Johnson

Call to Order:

Chair Mulholland called the meeting to order.

Chair Mulholland introduced new Commissioner, Jim Ball. Commissioner's welcomed Commissioner Ball who also provided comments.

Chair Mulholland suggested changes to the agenda regarding returning a meeting of the rules revision committee rather than putting forward a vote, a proposal to extend the Fossil Fuel Risk Bond Committee and call for new vice-chair given that Commissioner J. Johnson will be stepping down in November.

Chair Mulholland called for a motion to approve the agenda or request for discussion with changes aforementioned.

Action Item: Approve Agenda

Moved: Howard Saxion

Seconded: Art Farley

Vote: All in Favor

Abstain:

Chair Mulholland called for a motion to approve September minutes or request for discussion.

Action Item: Approved September Minutes

Moved: Julia Johnson

Seconded: Art Farley

Vote: All in Favor

Abstain: Councilor Emily Semple

Public Comment

Pierce Glover from Electric Lettuce spoke about replacing No. 5 plastic, plastic tops with hemp plastic containers. Expressed interest in adding to single-use plastic ordinances to include the cannabis industry.

Jim Neu spoke about a flyer from the downtown riverfront group regarding infrastructure being put into the project. He spoke about the placement of Northwest Natural Gas infrastructure near riverfront

project, including thoughts about the impacts of putting this kind of infrastructure in place considering the goals of the City's Climate Recovery Ordinance.

Commissioner Response to Public Comment

Councilor Semple expressed appreciation for Pierce Glover's comments regarding hemp plastics containers for the cannabis industry.

Commissioner de Heer expressed interest as well, including what OLCC would think about using that type of plastic. She expressed thoughts about the high prices of hemp plastics as a potential barrier to using the technology. She also addressed Jim Neu's comments around NWN Gas infrastructure, wishing the commission had known sooner.

Commissioner Kaplan discussed hemp plastics containers for the cannabis industry, addressing city efforts related to food container opportunities and sensibly reduce that waste and find alternatives. She discussed waste roundups by a local company. Commissioner Kaplan discussed thoughts about cost and ways of moving forward within the industry.

Presentation: Lane County

Mark Nystrom, Lane County Climate Strategist, spoke about the County's Climate Action Planning process, county survey analysis and about a new group called the Climate Advisory Committee meeting shortly.

Commissioner Allen expressed appreciation for the presentation. Inquired of Lane County Staff how this CAP interacts with the city's CAP2.0 and if the County's CAP will help the city meet its ordinance goals. Lane County Staff clarified that those actions happening in the Eugene community boundaries will help the city's CAP2.0, however the County does not have any jurisdiction over any city's plans.

Commissioner de Heer inquired about the role of the Climate Advisory Committee (CAC) and its goals, especially how the CAC intersects with the county's internal and external CAP. Lane County Staff clarified the CAC will provide insight to the County Commissioners much like the ESC does for the City Council. Lane County Staff discussed special efforts in engaging equity with Committee member from Beyond Toxics/NAACP.

Commissioner Ball inquired if the methane capture at Short Mountain was insufficient. Lane County staff said yes and discussed the landfill and methane capture technologies and related efficiencies. Lane County staff discussed thoughts behind methane capture and related investments.

Commissioner Ball inquired as well about if city food waste collection update impact Short Mountain's methane release. Lane County Staff discussed food waste collection methods impacting Eugene and related impacts to the County's landfill.

Commissioner Farley inquired how the County is hiring contractors, and what the contractors role with the CAC will be. Lane County Staff said that how contractors interact with the CAC is to be determined, and expressed thoughts about how the work could work. Commissioner Farley and Lane County Staff discussed implications of staff capacity at the County and related work of contractors as result.

Chair Mulholland inquired about work with NAACP and Beyond Toxics and how that relates to creating an equitable CAP that is inclusive in community engagement. Lane County Staff discussed presence of Haley Case-Scott of Beyond Toxics/NAACP on the CAC and discussions with County Staff about equity and forward progress. Lane County Staff discussed other areas of challenges and concerns related to learning more about moving forward equitably, including looking at hiring a third party to assist with this work.

Chair Mulholland further inquired about the County using a similar model as the City's Equity Panel to engage equity in CAP creation. Lane County Staff discussed the role of the Lane County Equity and Access Coordinator in this work and challenges in moving forward due to COVID.

Chair Mulholland expressed gratitude to Lane County Staff for presenting to the Commission.

Lane County Staff provided closing remarks including how the CAC and ESC can develop a relationship moving forward, as well as how this would assist a relationship in climate action planning between the County and City.

Committee Updates

Chair Mulholland proposed a committee to create a 100% Renewable Energy Ballot Measure.

Commissioners made inquiries of Chair Mulholland and provided comments. Commissioners engaged in conversation about the logistics, timing and nature of the committee proposal.

Action item: Approval of proposal to create 100% Renewable Energy Ballot Measure Committee

Motion: Laura Allen

Second: Doug Edwards

Vote: 4: 7 **opposed, motion fails**

Abstain: Karyn Kaplan

Commissioner Allen provided an update of the previous work of the FY20 Fossil Fuel Risk Bonds Committee and requested a 3 month extension to complete the work.

Action item: Approval to extend the work of the Fossil Fuel Risk Bond Committee by 3 months

Motion: Howard Saxion

Second: Jim Ball

Vote: All in favor

Abstain:

Commissioner Allen will initiate the first meeting of this committee including Commissioners Farley and Ball.

Council Communications and Updates

Councilor Semple discussed her absence due to a car accident previously.

Councilor Semple also provided the Commission with an update of sustainability related Council decisions recently as well as those that are forthcoming.

Councilor Semple expressed excitement of the ESC's presentation to Council on the 26th and upcoming CAP2.0 conversation with Council in December.

Staff and Commissioner Updates

Commissioner J. Johnson discussed stepping down from the commission due to an upcoming move outside of the Eugene area. Commissioners expressed gratitude for Commissioner J. Johnson's service.

Commissioner Saxion discussed Urban Reserves decision by City Council and upcoming process, as a member of the Urban Reserves Technical Advisory Committee.

Chair Mulholland discussed the need to elect a new vice-chair at the November meeting. Inquired if anyone wanted to express interest at this time. No one did.

Closing

Commissioner Mulholland adjourned the meeting.

Proposal to Create Sustainability Commission Committee on Commission Outreach Strategy

This proposal suggests the Sustainability Commission creates a committee that will focus on public outreach tactics for the commission, including but not limited to outreach on grant program, an editorial calendar, Covid 19 response, and other ideas to be explored.

Need/Purpose

- Provide residents in underserved communities with an understanding of sustainability commission process and their role in it.
- Identify opportunities or concerns residents have regarding sustainability policy in Eugene.
- Identify policies/amenities/services residents would like to see added or improved.
- Bolster Sustainability Commission's role as "trusted advisor" to council by strengthening relationships with residents to inform/adjust work plan.

Committee Charge/Work Product

The purpose of this proposed committee is to brainstorm and explore public engagement opportunities, both internally (drafting materials for the public) or externally (adjusting meetings to engage with more residents). The committee will seek Commission endorsement of its recommendations/proposed work plan. The recommendations/proposed work plan will be a pilot model of steps the commission can consider for the fiscal year, which can be scaled up or down the following year depending on level of success.

Completion Date and Number of Meetings

Four months and a minimum of three meetings.

Meeting Schedule and Agenda Topics

The meeting schedule will be identified as soon as possible after the Commission approves creation of the committee. Committee members will work with staff to identify meeting times which will likely be during normal business hours. Ideally one committee meeting would be held with City staff so that Commissioners can be informed of logistical barriers or considerations on the part of the city in any public involvement work.

Resources Needed

Additional support or input by other city staff (Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement) may be needed.

Proposal to Create 100% Renewable Energy Ballot Measure Committee

Committee	Need/Purpose	Committee Charge/ Work Product	Completion Date and Number of meetings	Meeting Schedule and Agenda Topics	Resources Needed
Energy in Buildings Workgroup	<p>The Commission has previously recommended Council adopt a number of actions to reduce natural gas use in order to reach the City’s already adopted GHG goals including limiting new infrastructure, requiring minimum percentages of renewable gas, and increasing the franchise fee to pay for efficiency improvements. The Council is currently negotiating a voluntary agreement with NW Natural to increase the franchise fee to pay for energy efficiency improvements, but it appears unlikely the negotiations will lead to emission reductions in alignment with the City’s already adopted GHG reduction goals and additional actions will be necessary to reach the targets for this sector.</p>	<p>Review previous Commission recommendations on natural gas. Stay informed of progress in Franchise negotiations with intent to provide a recommendation to approve/not approve the negotiated agreement with NW Natural and to offer potential next steps.</p>	<p>6 meetings over 6 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD 	<p>TBD</p>