



To the Eugene Mayor and City Council,

The Eugene Sustainability Commission has worked for a number of years to improve our policies and procedures to create a smooth process to take ideas for policy from a single Commissioner's idea into a Commission approved recommendation that can be sent to the City Council. Similarly, the City Council has a process to take a City Councilor's idea and move it through a work session and into an ordinance that becomes City policy. Unfortunately, there is not currently a smooth process for Sustainability Commission recommendations to be considered by City Council. We ask that you work with the Sustainability Commission to create a new intermediate step of Commission presentations to Council to facilitate the free transfer and flow of information from the Sustainability Commission to the City Council.

Current Commission Process:

1. Commissioner has an idea
2. Commissioner writes a proposal to start a Committee to research the idea
3. Sustainability Commission votes to form the proposed committee
4. Committee has meetings over up to six months, with three to six Commission members present, to draft a recommendation
5. Committee votes to send recommendation to full Sustainability Commission
6. Full Sustainability Commission discusses the recommendation and votes to send the recommendation to City Council
7. Sustainability Commission emails the recommendation to City Council

Recommended Additional Step:

1. Sustainability Commission presents its recommendations to Council with time for questions during mid-year and end-of-year check ins

Thank you,

Eugene Sustainability Commission