

Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 3/8/17, 9am - 11am

Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 635



Next Meeting

Tuesday, 4/12/17, 9am - 11am

Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 625

ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Mary Peveto, David Heslam, Michael Tynan, Roberta Robles, Rebecca O'Neil, Ralph Mastromonaco, Danny Thiemann, Kari Schlosshauer, Bradford McKeown (phone)

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, Hayden Miller (Office of Commissioner Vega Pederson); John Wasiutynski, Tim Lynch, Sam Baraso, Sara Mihm (Office of Sustainability); Jonathan Ostar (Office of Diversity and Equity)

ACTION ITEMS

- **Office of Sustainability staff:**
 - **John Wasiutynski** will send an invite to the presentation to the Board (Tuesday, 3/14) on air toxics.
 - **John Wasiutynski** will provide background information on the decision-making process and County limitations to work on woodsmoke.
 - **John Wasiutynski** will invite a Health Department staff person to the next ACSI meeting to discuss the County's work on air toxics.
 - **Sam Baraso** will share information about the [Air Toxics and Environmental Justice event](#) (Wednesday, 3/15)
 - **Sam Baraso** will circulate current [PropertyFit](#) literature and let the group know what can be done to help spread the word.
 - **Tim Lynch** will outline some of the priority areas for the Energy & Climate subcommittee and present a focused plan at the next ACSI meeting.

- **ACSI**
 - If you are interested in following Residential PACE closely, let Sam (sam.baraso@multco.us) know.
 - We are filling out our target outreach list for the range of CPACE stakeholders. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on groups we may want to present to. [Resources](#) can be found here.
 - If you are interested in participating in the Air Quality subcommittee, email [John \(john.wasiutynski@multco.us\)](mailto:john.wasiutynski@multco.us). Meetings take place on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, 3/13 from 11am - 12:30pm in room 625 of the Multnomah Building.
 - If you are interested in participating in the Climate and Energy subcommittee, complete this [Doodle poll](#).
 - If you are interested in the Environmental Justice ad hoc group, complete this [Doodle poll](#).

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ACSI** welcomed three new members to the Committee:
 - **Danny Thiemann** works with immigrants rights, has an interest in black food sovereignty and low cost environment sensors/studies.
 - **Kari Schlosshauer** advocates for safer streets in the Pacific Northwest through the national safe routes to school partnership.
 - **Ralph Mastromonaco** leads economic and environmental policy analysis at ECONorthwest.

- **Commissioner Vega Pederson** introduced herself and expressed excitement about working on issues relating to climate, energy, and environmental justice. Her office is organizing an EJ Summit and would like ACSI to be involved.
- On Tuesday, 3/14, **John Wasiutynski** and **Matt Hoffman** will present to the Board on air toxics, which will tee up potential ways that the County Board can take action.
- On Wednesday, 3/15, EPA Making a Visible Difference will convene [a workshop on air toxics and environmental justice](#), held at the JAMS Center at APANO.
- Updates from the **Office of Sustainability** include:
 - Supporting community-driven infrastructure design in the Jade District.
 - Supporting bills on cap and trade, and on building codes.
 - Supporting community solar and access to low income residents.
 - [PropertyFit](#) is officially open for business and is currently recruiting private capital providers.
 - Representative Pam Marsh recently released [legislation](#) that would allow for residential property assessed clean energy.
- **Danny Thiemann** mentioned he is a 350PDX board member and encouraged the group to keep an eye out for opportunities to get involved with the organization.

REVIEW 2016 ACSI LETTER TO THE BOARD

- **Commissioner Vega Pederson** said the letter was well received by the Board, and appreciated learning of ACSI's priorities so that the Board can lend their voices in support. She said that specific asks in the letter were appreciated.
- 2017 County State Legislative Agenda
 - All items listed in the letter are currently in progress.
- County and Regional Policy
 - **Commissioner Meieran** will be the convener of the Green and Healthy Homes workgroup.
- Environmental Justice (EJ) Resolution
 - **John Wasiutynski** recommended the creation of an Administrative Procedure which would outline processes for the County to follow up regarding environmental justice. Broad discussion followed regarding the nature of the EJ resolution and goals. These issues will be explored by an EJ resolution subcommittee that **Sam Baraso** will facilitate.
 - **Jonathan Ostar** cited the County's Non-Discrimination Policy, which is similar to the EJ Resolution ACSI wants to formalize. He suggested performing outreach to departments ahead of time so they can be aware of what is coming, and developing department-specific plans after the Resolution is passed.
 - **Commissioner Vega Pederson** would like to know how the Resolution will impact the County and its departments.

REVIEW COUNTY PRIORITIES, ANNUAL CALENDAR AND WORK PLAN

- Subcommittees
 - The subcommittees discussed were Air Quality, Energy and Climate, and Environmental Justice (currently, Environmental Justice is an ad hoc group and not a standing subcommittee).
 - **Mary Peveto** reminded the group that others who are not on ACSI can be a part of subcommittee meetings. At least one ACSI member needs to be a part of each subcommittee.
 - **Hayden Miller** requested to join all three subcommittees.
 - Interest in exploring ACSI's role in transportation conversations, but request was made to have clear "lanes" articulated about where that conversation should go.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- 10/12/16 Minutes were approved unanimously with no amendments.

ACSI VICE-CHAIR ELECTION

- **Bradford McKeown** was unanimously voted to remain in the Vice Chair position. Congratulations, Bradford!