

Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 7/12/17, 9am - 11am
Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 625



Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 9am - 11am
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ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Mary Peveto, Loulie Brown, Rebecca O'Neil, Michael Tynan, Ralph Mastromonaco, Danny Thiemann, Ryan Vanden Brink, Kari Schlosshauer, Kimberlee Stafford (phone), Roberta Robles (phone)

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF / PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

Hayden Miller, Revekka Gustey (Office of Commissioner Vega Pederson), Jae Douglas (Environmental Health), John Wasiutynski, Sara Mihm and Tim Lynch (Office of Sustainability), Meredith Connelly (Climate Solutions, phone)

ACTION ITEMS

- **John Wasiutynski:**
 - Will follow up with Michael Tynan to connect him with a subcommittee.
 - Will invite ACSI to Pathways to 100 discussion series, held with PGE, NW Natural, and the City of Portland.
 - Asked Hayden Miller to flag the transportation issue for discussion with Commissioner Vega Pederson and how ACSI can provide support.
 - Will invite Transportation staff to a future ACSI meeting.
 - Will send a copy of the County's transportation capital plan to ACSI.
- **ACSI**
 - **Mary Peveto** will send information about Metro's upcoming Council meeting on 7/25 where they will discuss the waste to energy proposal.
 - **Danny Thiemann** will share the farm & forestry workers presentation he delivered to the group.
 - **Danny Thiemann** and **Jae Douglas** to connect on the well water testing provided by Multnomah County.
 - **Mary Peveto** will add farm & forestry workers agenda item on the next Air Quality subcommittee meeting to discuss what a local jurisdiction can do when so much is controlled by at the state level.
 - **Rebecca O'Neil** to present her work at the PNNL at the next ACSI meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVE APRIL 2017 MEETING MINUTES

- Minutes from April's meeting were approved unanimously with the exception of Danny abstaining, and Bradford and David were not present to vote.

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ACSI members** are encouraged to present on their professional work to the group.
- **ACSI subcommittees** (Air Quality and Energy & Climate) will have recurring meetings on a regular basis. Staff will provide agendas, meeting logistics, and help provide content.
- **Hayden Miller** shared:
 - The budget process concluded in May.
 - The 100% Renewables Resolution passed, which commits Multnomah County to 100% renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy by 2050.
 - As a result of the legislature not funding Cleaner Air Oregon, Commissioner Vega Pederson is excited to support a study conducted by Good Company, regarding the feasibility of a local air district.

- The Board is beginning to look into legal options on reducing diesel, within our jurisdiction.
- **John Wasiutynski** shared:
 - Multnomah County is considering if the Home Energy Scores program, which passed in the City of Portland, can be implemented throughout Multnomah County.
 - He introduced Pathways to 100, a series of discussions held with PGE, NW Natural, and the City of Portland about the transition to 100% renewables.
 - T21 passed in Oregon, where tobacco cannot be purchased by people under the age of 21.
- **Mary Peveto** shared that Metro Council will have a hearing on their waste to energy proposal on 7/25/17, which is the proposal regarding burning waste near Salem, in effort to divert 12% of total waste typically going to landfills.
- **Jae Douglas** shared that the County is moving forward to pass the woodsmoke ordinance, which is a curtailment ordinance for “pleasure burning,” and will not be applicable to those with economic hardship or 100% reliance on burning as a heat source.
 - On the topic of wood smoke, **Rebecca O’Neil** requested Multnomah County provide upstream education on wood stoves at the time of purchase, as well as publishing articles in neighborhood newsletters. **Mary Peveto** suggested developing a curriculum with the City’s Office of Neighborhood Involvement and sharing through neighborhood associations and meetings.

ACSI MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

- **Danny Thiemann** presented on farm & forestry workers.

MAKING ACSI A MORE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION

- **John Wasiutynski** shared updates from his discussion with Bradford on ways to make ACSI more effective.
- Strategies included having presentations from ACSI members on their areas of professional expertise; regularly recurring subcommittee meetings; and executive team check in meetings with JVP.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT

- **Climate and Energy**
 - Catching up on a variety of projects and initiatives. **Tim Lynch** will have notes and a Doodle poll for the next meeting to take place in August.
 - Topics recently discussed, and to be focused in during future meetings, include: Housing quality and efficiency, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, building codes, solar on affordable housing, solar plus storage resiliency projects, 100% renewables resolution and a just transition in the energy sector.
- **Air Quality**
 - One of the key initiatives will be to support the air quality study that will be implemented by Good Company.
 - The subcommittee has talked about an “air summit” to be held later this year, that brings several groups together to share information and prioritize efforts.
- **Environmental Justice Resolution**
 - **Hayden Miller** and **Sam Baraso** (Office of Sustainability) have researched how the County organizes internally, what we’re currently doing on environmental justice, and what other jurisdictions have done (racial impact statements, programs, advisory boards).
 - In the coming week, **Hayden Miller** will reach out to internal stakeholders, and led by Commissioner Vega Pederson, a meeting will be held to define what environmental justice is, discuss what the stakeholders are currently doing, and explore possibilities for moving forward. Following this internal meeting, there will be outreach to external stakeholders.