

## Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

### Annual Retreat Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 11/1/17, 2:30pm - 5pm

Tonkon Torp



### Next Meeting

Wednesday, 1/17/18, 9am - 11am

Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 635

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### ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Mary Peveto, Ralph Mastromonaco, Kimberlee Stafford, Ryan Vanden Brink, Loulie Brown, Michael Tynan, Rebecca O'Neil, David Heslam

### MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF / PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

John Wasiutynski, Sam Baraso, Sara Mihm (Office of Sustainability), Hayden Miller (Office of Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson), Jae Douglas, Andrea Hamberg (Environmental Health)

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### ACTION ITEMS

- **John Wasiutynski:**
  - To email ACSI to find out who is interested in the Vice Chair position.
- **Sam Baraso:**
  - To send an email with names of ACSI members who are leaving the group, and which skillsets we will be searching for. Those leaving include: Michael Tynan, Danny Thiemann, Roberta Robles, Edward Hill, Rebecca O'Neil, and Bradford McKeown.
- **ACSI members** who made specific recommendations on items for the annual letter during the Retreat should include their comments on the Word document to share with the group.
- **Ryan Vanden Brink** offered to start on the first draft and follow up with people in the group for more details, and **Michael Tynan** offered assistance on the letter, as well.

### ICE BREAKER

- **What do you bring to the table? What shapes your worldview? Pair off and share with the group.**
  - **Strengths and skillsets listed included:** Marketing, business, research, local and national perspective, technical skills in finance technology and energy, advocacy and activism, low-carbon lifestyle economies, small business real estate law, transportation, urban form (?), public health, risk management, construction, policy, affordable housing, and architecture.

### REVIEW AND APPROVE JULY AND OCTOBER 2017 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from July were approved.
- Meeting minutes from October were approved with the two following amendments:
  - Replace "All agreed" with "There was consensus" regarding including a statement around prioritizing congestion pricing.
  - Replace "Tonkin Torp" with "Tonkon Torp".

### DEVELOPMENT OF 2016 ACSI LETTER TO THE BOARD

- This letter will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in December, but should be completed before Thanksgiving.
- **Mary Peveto** suggested that the structure of the letter be led by its content. **Hayden Miller** said it is helpful that a letter like this be laid out with an advocacy section and direct action section. He added that including values of their constituents is important to connect with what is being suggested in this letter. E.g., Equity, clean air and water, and

equitable investment. **Jaе Douglas** added that another value includes the balance of economic development and vibrancy, and environmental sustainability in support of health and wellbeing.

- **Rebecca O'Neil** asked that the letter highlight what's urgent, consistent over the years, and trackable. She asked that the letter is a reflection of what ACSI has worked on, and that there is adequate support from the County to make it happen.
- **Ralph Mastromonaco** said that when the letter reads, "Ensure XYZ" it is not necessarily in their control and that wordsmithing on the final document would require specifics.
- **Air Quality - Legislative Action**
  - **Mary Peveto** anticipates that the Governor will be looking for funding for Cleaner Air Oregon and that the County will need to help with this. Mary expressed concern about the VW settlement dollars and wants the money to be used for diesel emissions reduction versus electrification, as there are a larger public health benefit in diesel emissions reduction.
- **Air Quality - Local Action**
  - **Mary Peveto** said that now that the woodsmoke ordinance is developed, education to community members was important. Washington County was successful with their program because they secured funding for changeouts and this portion has yet to be determined for the Multnomah County program. Further discussion took place regarding a possible data collection opportunity with Environmental Health, including collecting data on how restaurants in Multnomah County are burning wood while cooking food for their business.
  - The topic of establishing an off-road vehicle registry program was discussed, as off-road vehicles are not required to register. At this time, we do not know how many there are, how big, or where they are -- this data gap prevents us from knowing how much pollution there is or how the equipment could be cleaner. Due to the Cleaner Air Act, we cannot penalize registrants with a higher registration fee for older or less efficient vehicles but a registry would solve many upstream issues.
- **Energy & Climate - Legislative**
  - **Clean Energy Jobs Bill (Cap & Invest Bill):** We are moving forward with support.
  - **Building Codes:** **David Heslam** said that the term "legislative action" may not be accurate, as it is more of a regulation. The Board should advocate that there be legislation that ensures the building code update process aligns with goals established in our Climate Action Plan.
  - **Renewable Energy Tax Credit:** There should be continued financial support for renewable energy efficiency and a focus on equity to ensure benefits are shared by low- and moderate-income households.
- **Energy & Climate - Local**
  - **Home Energy Score** - **David Heslam** said that we should talk more about this next year, following the progress made by the City.
- When asked for any vetoes on the content, **Michael Tynan** and **David Heslam** suggested that a draft be circulated. **Rebecca O'Neil** nominated **Ryan Vanden Brink** to help write the letter. **John Wasiutynski** asked for comments to be shared.
- **Rebecca O'Neil** said that the letters should include more on the 100% renewable by 2050 goal, which was the major policy move passed this year.

## ACSI CHAIR ELECTION

- **Mary Peveto** was unanimously re-elected as ACSI Chair.
- **Ralph Mastromonaco** suggested that **John Wasiutynski** email everyone to ask who may be interested in the Vice Chair position.

## TOP PRIORITIES FOR 2017 ACSI LETTER TO THE BOARD

- **Transportation**
  - The climate and energy subcommittee will convene a meeting regarding congestion pricing and freeway widening.
  - **Tim Lynch** suggested that having **Commissioner Vega Pederson's** input on a variety of transportation projects would be productive. Trimet's bus electrification is a priority advocacy point for **Commissioner Vega Pederson**.

- **Air Quality**

- Continue advocacy for health-based, cumulative risk, air quality standard in Cleaner Air Oregon.
- Emphasize commitment to local solutions, re-emphasize the County's commitment to local action and collaboration with the City of Portland and other local partners
- Opportunity to reinforce the woodsmoke ordinance, and place emphasis on business and community partnerships.
- Invest in Environmental Health's research capacity to make the case for action on air quality.
- Continue advocacy for a strong diesel bill in the legislature.
- Craft a statement that suggests prioritization of using VW settlement funding within high impact corridors/communities, and expresses concern for use of funds for vehicle electrification outside of those areas.

- **Climate/energy**

- Ensure a strong environmental justice focus in Clean Energy Jobs.
- Maximize local community benefits while working to achieve the 100% renewable energy goal.