

## Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

### Meeting Minutes

Friday, 2/9/18, 9am - 11am

Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 635



### Next Meeting

Wednesday, 4/11/18, 9am - 11am

Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 635

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### ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Ryan Vanden Brink, Brody Abbott, Mary Peveto, Rick Hodges, Melissa Powers, Loulie Brown, Kari Schlosshauer, Sasha Pollack, Khanh Pham, Ralph Mastromonaco, Kimberlee Stafford (phone)

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

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

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### ACTION ITEMS

- **Tim Lynch or John Wasiutynski** to ask Tina from City of Gresham to join the next ACSI meeting to provide an idea of how they are working within Multnomah County on their city-specific climate projects.
- **Tim Lynch** will send a Doodle poll with dates and times to set up a standing Energy & Climate Subcommittee meeting.
- **Sam Baraso** will work with Hayden Miller to plan out and schedule meetings for the ad-hoc subcommittee on an Environmental Justice resolution.
- **Sam Baraso** will work with Kari Schlosshauer to schedule Transportation Subcommittee meeting(s).

### DECISIONS MADE

- **Kari Schlosshauer** will be the Chair of the new Transportation subcommittee, and will be joined by **Kimberlee Stafford, Hayden Miller, and Andrea Hamberg.**

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- **What do you work on, and what are you passionate about?**
  - **Ryan Vanden Brink** has a background and interest in the intersection of law and sustainability
  - **Brody Abbott** works on urban planning at Ecotrust.
  - **Mary Peveto** works on air quality within Neighbors for Clean Air.
  - **John Wasiutynski** Director of Sustainability.
  - **Rick Hodges**, Energy efficiency at NW Natural for low-income community members.
  - **Melissa Powers**, Professor of Law at Lewis & Clark law school - teaching climate change, renewable energy and Clean Air act classes. Directs Green Energy Institute to work on strategies to get to a zero carbon energy system.
  - **Hayden Miller**, works with Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson.
  - **Ralph Mastromonaco** works at EcoNorthwest and has an interest in data and evidence-based policy.
  - **Andrea Hamberg**, Supervisor of the Healthy Homes team within the County's Environmental Health office. Passionate about health/racial justice.
  - **Loulie Brown** works for Sabin Community Development (affordable housing managers / providers) and is passionate about affordable housing.
  - **Sasha Pollack** has a background in climate and clean energy policy, and is passionate around broad stroke impacts that public policy can make, while ensuring the impacts account for a variety of inequities.
  - **Kari Schlosshauer** works on transportation policy for Safe Routes to School, and is passionate about transportation affordability.

- **Khan Pham**, works at APANO on immigrant organizing, and is passionate about leadership development and helping others build skills to become leaders.
- **Sam Baraso** manages the CPACE Program, but has a long term visions of an equitable place where people can fully realize what they want to be.
- **Tim Lynch** is passionate about looking at sustainability through the lens of justice, power and privilege and how resources are allocated.

#### APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2018 MEETING

- Minutes from January 2018's meeting was approved unanimously.

#### QUESTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

- The group discussed ACSI's role, which includes:
  - Providing input in an annual letter that is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners making recommendations based on ACSI work;
  - Participating in subcommittees, who also have overlap with other County offices or departments (Environmental Health, Office of Diversity and Equity, and Department of Community Services). Collaborative examples include: Home Energy Score work, brought up by David Heslam of the Climate and Energy sub-committee, and the woodsmoke curtailment ordinance, which was lead by Environmental Health and supported by Office of Sustainability; and
  - Providing input on updates of the Climate Action Plan.
- The group discussed the challenges and opportunities to include other local jurisdictions in the Climate Action Plan.
- The group discussed working on topics where the County has direct control, as well as working on topics where the County may not have any direct control. Past focus areas, like building codes and air toxics, haven't been immediate lever points for the County, but ultimately proved fruitful through ACSI's work.

#### CLIMATE AND ENERGY SUB-COMMITTEE

- Past work includes helping to develop the [CPACE](#) program, and Climate Action Plan, and providing input on the 100% by 2050 renewable goal.
- Upcoming work includes defining community-based renewable energy, solar and battery storage to support resilience, low-income solar participation through investments, Clean Energy Jobs bill, Home Wrap bill, and the Home Energy Scores Policy.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

- **Commissioner Vega Pederson's Office** has worked closely with **Office of Sustainability** over the past year to explore better ways to institutionalize environmental justice principles. Through this process, we recognize that the County already does a good work supporting environmental justice, and is teasing out how to institutionalize and/or elevate those efforts.
- Through internal conversations at Multnomah County, **Hayden Miller** and **Sam Baraso** helped to identify what is already happening at the County, what conversations are taking place in offices/departments, and what anticipated next steps may include. They are now preparing to connect with external partners and presenting to the Board of Commissioners this summer for review. In anticipation of this presentation, **Sam Baraso** anticipates 2-3 meetings where ACSI members can participate.

#### AIR TOXICS SUB-COMMITTEE

- The Office of Sustainability is looking into the feasibility of a local air quality district.

#### OTHER IDEAS OR AREAS WHERE WE COULD / SHOULD FOCUS IN 2018

- **Melissa Powers** noted the intersection of EJ and energy goals at the county, and specifically said that congestion pricing would be seen as a fuel charge. Does that money have to go back to the Highway Trust and does the County get the benefits of that, and cause other downstream issues?
- The group discussed a range of transportation issues and explored whether those discussions would be best suited taking place in existing subcommittees or in a new subcommittee. The group decided to create a new subcommittee exploring what aspects it may make sense for ACSI to engage in transportation issues.