

Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 1/17/18, 9am - 11am
Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 635



Next Meeting

Friday, 2/9/18, 9am - 11am
Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 635

ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Mary Peveto, Loulie Brown, David Heslam, Orlando Lopez, Brody Abbott, Ryan Vanden Brink, Kari Schlosshauer, Sasha Pollack, Khanh Pham, Ralph Mastromonaco (phone), 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), Ben Duncan (Office of Diversity and Equity), Jae Douglas, Brendon Haggerty (Environmental Health), Jessica Berry (Department of Community Services).

ACTION ITEMS

- None

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Where do you work and what was your first concert?

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY & MULTNOMAH COUNTY OVERVIEW

- **Tim Lynch** and **Sam Baraso** provided an overview of Multnomah County operations and services and more specifically, what Office of Sustainability does and how it relates to the triple bottom line (equity, environment, and economy).
- **Ben Duncan**, Chief Diversity and Equity Officer from Office of Diversity and Equity, introduced the functions of his office and highlighted the Equity & Empowerment Lens, as well as the Workforce Equity Project.
- **Jae Douglas**, Director of Environmental Health, provided an introduction to the Health Department with a focus on the Public Health Division. She stressed the Division's sensitivity and awareness of the impacts their work can have on our community members. Within Environmental Health, the Healthy Homes & Communities team may be most relevant to ACSI as their work includes toxics exposure in land, water, and air (e.g., wood smoke, air quality, land use, lead, asbestos, and radon).
- **Jessica Berry**, Senior Transportation Planner from Department of Community Services, presented on Multnomah County's teams who work on lands, bridges, and roads.
- **Hayden Miller**, Constituent Liaison and Policy Advisory to Commissioner Vega Pederson, shared highlights of the Commissioner's commitment to work on energy and climate issues, and strong interest in environmental justice.

REVIEW ACSI GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS & ANNUAL WORK PLAN

- **John Wasiutynski** shared the structure of ACSI, sub-committees, annual expectations, key strategic areas for Multnomah County and the Office of Sustainability, and covered the workflow of the year. And, it was expressed to the group that ACSI should present and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners and Office of Sustainability, but is not to use their position on ACSI to communicate to the press or public.

VICE-CHAIR ELECTION

- **Mary Peveto** nominated **Ryan Vanden Brink** for the ACSI Vice Chair position. Those in the room were unanimous to vote Ryan as the new Vice Chair. Congratulations, Ryan!

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting minutes for the Retreat on 11/1/17 were approved. Kari Schlosshauer abstained since she was not present at the meeting.

NEW ACSI MEMBER FEEDBACK

- **Orlando** is interested in transportation, housing, and weatherization. He is interested in the roads the County has access to, and learning more about the relationship between Multnomah County and other regional agencies.
- **Brody** said that as a county resident, he's interested in what the County is doing. With an undergrad in criminal justice, experience at the federal level and nonprofits, he pursued a Masters in Urban Planning from University of Oregon. He's interested in equitable development and affordable housing, and appreciates intentionality to help marginalized populations.
- **Sasha** moved from Seattle where she worked with Washington Environmental Council. She grew up in unincorporated Clackamas County. Sasha expressed interested tying ACSI's work to the priorities of the County.
- **Khanh** works with APANO on climate issues and is interested in how policy can make a downstream impact.