

Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 4/11/18, 9am - 11am
Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 635



Next Meeting

Wednesday, 7/11/18, 9am - 11am
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ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Ryan Vanden Brink, David Heslam, Rick Hodges, Ralph Mastromonaco, Mary Peveto, Khanh Pham (phone), Sasha Pollack (Phone), Kari Schlosshauer, Kimberlee Stafford (phone)

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF / PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ACTION ITEMS

- **All ACSI members** are encouraged to let **Jae Douglas** know of any individuals who may want to participate in a health in food cart pods workgroup, convening in May.
- **Kari Schlosshauer** encouraged the group to provide input on the County's [online open house](#) for capital improvement projects.
- **Sam Baraso** to post the Public Utility Commission 978 cartoon meeting notes to FMYI.
- **Tim Lynch** will send invites for standing meetings for the climate & energy sub-committee, along with materials for ACSI members to review. The subcommittee will focus on the implementation of the Climate Action Plan.
- **Sam Baraso** will follow up with Sasha regarding the Environmental Justice Ad-Hoc Committee and the experience of EJ survey work done in Seattle.
- **Tim Lynch** to connect with Angus Duncan regarding a presentation for the Energy & Climate Subcommittee about statewide climate policy implementation, with an invitation open to all ACSI.
- **Sara Mihm** to amend and redistribute the February 2018 minutes with minor edits, and will circulate future meeting minutes along with the next ACSI meeting agenda.
- **Office of Sustainability** will look into Zoom, Google Hangouts, etc., so that remote ACSI meeting attendees can share screens and better follow along with the flow of the meetings.

DECISIONS MADE

- None.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- **Describe your professional affiliation, or any other characteristic that brings you to ACSI.**
 - **Ryan Vanden Brink:** Attorney and studied sustainability and law, international trade.
 - **David Heslam:** Executive Director Earth Advantage.
 - **Rick Hodges:** NW Natural.
 - **Mary Peveto:** Neighbors for Clean Air.
 - **Ralph Mastromonaco:** Economist at ECONorthwest.
 - **Sasha Pollack:** Grew up outside of Portland and was formerly from Seattle and was with Washington Environmental Council. Environmental Studies undergraduate major.
 - **Kari Schlosshauer:** Safe Routes to School with graduate degree in Environmental Planning.
 - **Commissioner Vega Pederson:** Former Chair of the Environment Committee in House, and currently works on issues that include transportation, climate, and safety.
 - **Hayden Miller:** Office of Commissioner Vega Pederson.

- **John Wasiutynski:** Office of Sustainability, and received a Masters in Public Administration and undergraduate degree in biology.
- **Sam Baraso:** Office of Sustainability, former ACSI member.
- **Tim Lynch:** Office of Sustainability
- **Sara Mihm:** Office of Sustainability

PRIORITY SETTING DISCUSSION WITH COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON

- **What are some of the priorities for JVP in the coming year and how can ACSI help?** Commissioner Vega Pederson's priorities center around equity for communities of color and low-income communities, climate, safety, and access.
 - **Community Energy Summit:** This June, Commissioner Vega Pederson's Office will hold a Community Energy Summit with community partners, like OPAL, Verde, Coalition for Communities of Color, NAYA, and others. It will discuss environmental justice and review aspects of a clean energy economy. A hope of the summit is that it will create additional partnership opportunities to expand the knowledge base to the community.
 - **Environmental Justice Resolution:** Working with Office of Sustainability on crafting an environmental justice resolution.
 - **Transportation:**
 - **Congestion Pricing:** How would you use congestion pricing on I-5 and I-205, to both change people's behaviors to impact congestion, and what are the impacts on people, climate, and safety?
 - **Funding and Policy:** Commissioner Vega Pederson sits on a variety of transportation-related committees, including the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and Region 1 ACT Advisory Committee. Those who have been historically disadvantaged for access can benefit from extra transit investments, and electric busses. How can we pressure Trimet to make a larger commitment, and faster, to making a transition to electric?
- **What ideas do ACSI members have that you want to discuss with JVP?**
 - Commissioner Vega Pederson had to depart due to a prior commitment so this item was not discussed.

UPDATES

- **What is new with the Office of Sustainability?**
 - **Earth Month** calendar of events advertised to County staff was shared with the group.
 - **Public Utilities Commission Docket, SB 978:** The County is participating as a stakeholder in the Public Utility Commission docket arising out of SB 978 in the 2017 legislative session that will result in a report on the "electric utility regulation of the future". The conversation is focused on understanding the current manner in which utilities are regulated, which was developed in the 20th century to support utility's expansion of access, as well as how we may need to change utility regulation to accommodate a future where grid management and flexibility is of greater importance. The conversation is more inclusive than any other PUC docket historically and dovetails well with the work our office is involved in on diversifying our energy systems.
 - **Clean diesel procurement** process is ongoing with our regional partners.
 - **Environmental Justice Resolution:** Completed first round of internal outreach to stakeholders and beginning outreach to EJ and traditional environmental stakeholders.
 - **Green Fund** research continues in hopes of encouraging new investments in green energy and technology.
 - **CPACE** has continued interest and is soon launching new marketing efforts.
 - **CROPS** infrastructure at new location is in progress.
 - The [Affordable Solar](#) report will be shared at a Board of Commissioners meeting in June.
- **What is on your radar? What should Office of Sustainability or other ACSI members know about?**
 - **Sam** shared that Orlando, who could not make the meeting but was interested understanding the County's participation in the SW Corridor Plan and the extent to which it is thinking about housing. ACSI members commented that leadership from Network for Oregon Affordable Housing is spending a lot of time and energy on a housing plan for the SW Corridor.

- **Jae Douglas** shared that Environmental Health is in process of hiring Senior Epidemiologist. Jae will participate in a panel in San Francisco later this summer on climate and health. Food cart regulation is part of Environmental Health portfolio, so they are convening a work group to convene for 4 months (4 x 4 hour periods) to develop recommendations. If anyone knows people who would like to participate, please let Jae know. The first meeting will be in May.
- **Mary Peveto** shared that yesterday, Governor Kate Brown signed SB 1541 into law; an EPA grant to investigate the sources of diesel PM in the Portland Metropolitan areas. DEQ will work with PSU on this research.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING

- Minutes from February 2018's meeting was approved, pending the following edits:
 - Correction of the spelling of Commissioner Vega Pederson's name in the Environmental Justice Ad Hoc section.
 - In the Air Toxics subcommittee section, replace the word "subcommittee" with "Office of Sustainability."

SUBCOMMITTEE CHECK-INS

- **Climate and Energy Subcommittee updates:**
 - Discussed the County's Climate Leadership Team, which includes staff from County programs that have a direct stake in the Climate Action Plan (CAP).
 - Discussed the 100% renewables resolution and developing a formal work plan for how we will get there.
 - Discussed local efforts on Cap and Invest, as well as SB78 conversation about utility regulation.
 - Discussed how 5-year actions from the 2015 CAP can be tracked and implemented, as well as preparing for the next iteration of the Plan. The sub-committee members agreed to focus their efforts on this item.
 - The committee will reconvene in May, which will be a standing monthly meeting.
- **Environmental Justice Ad-Hoc Committee:**
 - A handout was distributed which goes into further detail.
 - In summary, the group has looked into efforts from other locations around the country to get a sense of what is involved and how some of the ideas can be leveraged in Multnomah County.
 - A conversation around metrics that internal offices can use for reporting has begun, however, the conversation with those offices will continue to understand what data is already being collected.
 - The group will soon communicate with community partners on a broader level.
- **Transportation Ad-Hoc Committee:**
 - The group has discussed overlapping areas where the County has influence, as well as which elements of the CAP that the County can track. Some examples include how to influence the reduction of vehicles miles traveled, how transit can be improved in reliability and electrify, as well as the Rose Quarter, 82nd Avenue, and the 2020 transportation ballot initiative.
 - Discussed the County's capital investment program.
 - A monthly meeting will be set and meet as needed.
- **Air Toxics Subcommittee:**
 - The group is attempting to determine which legislative issues the County should focus on to ensure that local initiatives succeed.
 - Discussed the State's new Health Index advisory committee, in attempt to assure that County has a strong voice on the committee.
 - Shared a recap of the Deconstructing Diesel event that centered around collaboration.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING AND MEETING OVERVIEW

- The next meeting is Wednesday, July 11.
- Suggestions for next time:
 - Include a brief break halfway through the meeting.
 - Research Zoom, Hangouts, or another software that would allow remote participants to view or share a screen with those attending in person.
- Consider inviting the following people to attend a subcommittee or full meeting:
 - Angus Duncan

- Nancy Bennett
- Summer Intern