

Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 10/9/19, 9am - 11am

Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., #625, Portland, OR 97214



Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 9 - 11am

Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Room TBD, Portland, OR 97214

ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Ryan Vanden Brink, Jennifer Light, Sasha Pollack, Kari Schlosshauer, Khanh Pham (phone), Kimberlee Stafford (phone)

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF / PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

John Wasiutynski, Tim Lynch, Sara Mihm (Office of Sustainability), Hayden Miller (Commissioner Vega Pederson's Office), Andrea Hamberg (Environmental Health), Leah Ashley (Portland resident), Mike Pullen (Communications Office), and Josh Channel (Parametrix, Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge consultant team)

ACTION ITEMS

- **Office of Sustainability** will:
 - Create a Google Form to allow **ACSI members** to vote to approve July and September meeting minutes, as well as elect the ACSI Chair.
 - Request at least one **ACSI member** to review ACSI member applications.
 - Schedule a time for **ACSI members** to present to the **Board of Commissioners** regarding the transportation letter submitted to the Board.
 - Promote ACSI recruitment via social media and the Multnomah County website, and share the posting with **ACSI members** so that the posting can be circulated to members' networks.
- Regarding the ACSI letter to the Board of Commissioners:
 - **John** will send **Sasha Pollack** the 100x50 resolution.
 - **Sasha Pollack** will incorporate language relating to environmental justice and the 100x50 resolution.
 - **Jennifer Light** will incorporate language relating to market purchases coming from clean sources and send it to **Tim Lynch, Ryan Vanden Brink, and John Wasiutynski.**
- **ACSI members** will reach out to their individual contacts to apply to the vacant ACSI positions.

DECISIONS MADE

- None

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- **John Wasiutynski** reminded the group of the 100x50 progress update presentation to the **Board of Commissioners** on October 15. Also, this December, there will be a presentation to the Board of Commissioners regarding updates to the Climate Action Plan.
- **Khanh Pham** shared that she has accepted the role of Alliances Director with the Oregon Just Transition Alliance.

EARTHQUAKE READY BURNSIDE BRIDGE PRESENTATION

- **Mike Pullen** presented on the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project, Multnomah County's second busiest bridge. The presentation covered the project's proposed timeline, potential funding sources, cultural considerations, several rudimentary bridge design concepts that will be under review, evaluation criteria, and environmental impacts.

- On November 14, the **Board of Commissioners** will vote on which three of the four rudimentary bridge concepts will move forward for additional review, raising the vehicle registration fee to fund the cost of the new bridge, and refining the evaluation criteria.

ACSI CHAIR ELECTION

- Quorum was not met so a phone call and Doodle poll or Google Form will be sent out to see if a unanimous decision can be made remotely.

REVIEW AND APPROVE ACSI LETTER TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- **ACSI members** reviewed a draft letter and provided input:
 - **Ryan Vanden Brink** to include the T2020 ACSI letter, previously submitted to the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners, along with the new committee letter.
 - **Sasha Pollack** suggested that the letter include information about the work the County has done, and has advocated for, on environmental justice. Additionally, Sasha suggested including language regarding an equitable regulatory approach to the leaf blower issue as it relates to health, worker safety, and the economics of transitioning away from the leaf blower.
 - **Kari Schlosshauer** suggested leading with an introduction about the environmental justice resolution to shape the content that follows, instead of inserting equity and environmental in each section.
 - **Jennifer Light** suggested that market purchases coming from clean sources be incorporated into the Utility Integrated Resource Plans section.

DISCUSS ACSI RECRUITMENT

- **Tim Lynch** shared that **Kimberlee Stafford's** and **Loulie Brown's** terms are ending this calendar year. Five **ACSI members'** terms end in December but individuals can renew their term if they choose. There will be a minimum of three open spaces on ACSI, but as many as eight.
- Areas of expertise that the group will be looking for include air quality, transit justice, tribal and Indigenous rights, youth engagement, sustainable agriculture, open spaces and nature parks, utilities, and renewable energy.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- Quorum was not met so meeting minutes will be circulated and approved via a Google Form.

PLAN FOR ACSI PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Time did not allow for this agenda item to be discussed.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN