

## Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 9am - 11am

Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR



### Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 9 - 11am

Multnomah Building, 6th floor, Room 635

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### ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Ryan Vanden Brink, Mara Gross, Loulie Brown, Rick Hodges, Jennifer Light, Sasha Pollack, Khanh Pham, Kimberlee Stafford, Kari Schlosshauer

### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Eric Crosswell

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

John Wasiutynski, Tim Lynch - Office of Sustainability; Andrea Hamberg, Jae Douglas - Health Department; Hayden Miller - Commissioner Vega Pederson's Office

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### ACTION ITEMS

- **Office of Sustainability**
  - Tim to share Brody's contact information so that ACSI members can share green job opportunities
  - Tim to send updated letter, deadline for comment end of day Monday 7/15
  - Tim to schedule meeting on 7/18 at 2:00 for tentative approval
  - Tim to send 'when to meet' poll for retreat in September
  - Sub-committee in August and September to develop priorities for 2020 that can be discussed at the retreat
- **Committee members**
  - Committee members should share information about skilled facilitators with John W.
  - Ryan, Jennifer, Khanh and John to lead the retreat development process

### DECISIONS MADE

- None

### WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, & RELEVANT UPDATES

- After a round of introductions, staff provided ACSI a brief update on legislative efforts
- Sasha attended ATNI Climate Camp - Suggested the CAP update include an indigenous / decolonization lens
- Khanh - Voices of the People event July 10th, 2019
- Cleaner Air Oregon - Rulemaking on July 10th focused on non-cancer risk index
- 9th Circuit Appeals hearing on Juliana, all five County Commissioners attended rally in support
- Office of Sustainability is in the process of hiring a replacement for Sam Baraso's position, and later this summer will also be hiring a more entry level program technician position

### APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- Committee members approved April 2019 meeting minutes. Loulie abstained. Unanimously approved.

### ACSI Calendar

- Chair/Vice Chair present to the board late 2019, primarily based on the annual letter to the Board.
- One final ACSI meeting in October
- September retreat, outlining the elements of the letter to the Board

## **Annual Retreat Planning**

- Location suggestions:
  - Looking for opportunity to get into more creative spaces
  - Zenger Farm grange would be a good space
  - Metro parks facilities as an option - Blue Lake Park for example
  - Franciscan Monastery near 39th and Powell also suggested as an option
- Content suggestions:
  - Strongly consider having a facilitator. OS staff suggested they would be able to pay for this.
  - Use the retreat to give space to have people connect more from a value/dreaming space
  - Start with broader goals first
  - Evaluation of what works
  - Give space to talk about County levers, recommendations, beyond sub-committee, do some of the priority setting
  - Space for new members to better understand their role and how to be impactful
  - Focus should on letter and next years priorities
- Timing:
  - Mid to late September
  - Folks are open to a longer day, giving space to the planning sub-committee to decide
- Ryan, Jennifer, Khanh and John to lead the retreat development process

## **Letter to the Board re: T2020**

- Hayden - Recommendation about timing - beginning of the process (i.e. now) and right before Board/Council consideration
- Background - ACSI transportation sub-committee has been getting updates
- Audience - The entire Board given they will need to take a position on the eventual ballot measure
- Next task force meeting is July 24th, if we are able to get it to JVP before hand the Commissioner may be able to introduce it at the task force meeting
- Review and reference Metro Council comments regarding clean air, Sasha to forward
- Kim - Was there a conscious decision made to not state that we do not want to fund expansion of roadways?
- Mara - Edits should specify measures that are allowed under the HTF. Need to be specific around the limitations of the HTF, for transit expansion in particular, and that there may need to be additional legislative action and/or financing/funding streams.
- Metro staff were looking at a business tax to raise funding, which is now restricted at the local level by provisions in the student success act passed by legislature. Adds complexity if legislative action needed, given the timing of placing the measure on the 2020 ballot. Eliminates one of the key non-HTF revenues sources.
- John encouraged ACSI to state their ideas in the letter, including recognizing inherent local control of roads and that electrification strategies alone will not address transportation system carbon emissions.
- County Chair interested in finding a pathway to a fareless transit system.
- Transportation Network Company (TNS) bill failed last legislative session, which the group agreed was a positive because of the bills local preemption.

## **Office of Sustainability / County Updates**

- No clear path on climate after HB 2020 at the legislature.
- Governor has said that she will take additional action soon, before the next session
- Diesel passed, but limited to the Metro Tri-County area. Can't title in the tri-county region older equipment as of 2025. As of 2029 cannot registered older equipment. Unallocated VW funding allocated for equipment for MWESB business and business that are impacted by the regulation. Only the second state in the country to pass comprehensive diesel legislation. Task force to look at expanding to state wide.
- Clean Tech Development Fund (Green Bank) failed.
- Bill passed requiring additional oversight of auto salvage yard.
- Environmental roll back bill is important because it is the first steps towards a state environmental law.

- HB 2209 - Rail safety passed, with requirement that companies pay the cost of preparation. Bill had considered requiring local/state government to shoulder the costs.
- SB 98 - Renewable Natural Gas - Allows up to 5% of revenue requirement be used for RNG - previously no allowance for preference for RNG
  - Pilots starting to look at using excess RE electricity for hydrogen storage/pipes (EWEB)
- Woodsmoke ordinance implementation ask was not funded, but County will look to new DEQ grant funding for woodstove change out.
- Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO's) will start looking at out of clinic interventions (i.e. in home interventions) - Could be a good opportunity to link back to the previous Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) work.

#### **ACSI SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT OUT**

- Transportation:
  - Focus on T2020 letter and getting up to speed about what is happening in the Transportation
- Energy & Climate:
  - Talking to University of Oregon about wildfire smoke resilience in affordable housing
  - CAP 2020 outline to come at August 1st sub-committee meeting. Staff have been doing a lot of planning work to make sure the process is done right.
  - County is participating in a green tariff program through PGE, 50% of County electricity load met through solar project located in the Dalles.
- Air Toxics:
  - A lot going on in this space, but not currently any ACSI participations, opportunity to think through priorities in this area for ACSI members going forward.
  - John will provide a summary of what the committee has been discussing.
- Environmental Justice:
  - Working on EJ snapshot, and the Office of Sustainability plans on retaining a community consultant as part of the process.
  - John shared that it is his intention to use the EJ snapshot to inform the work of the CAP 2020 update.
  - 6:30 - 8:30 - Zenith Terminal Hearing on July 15th - But may be postponed. Stay tuned.

**Meeting Adjourned**