

Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.



MULTNOMAH BUILDING, 6TH FLOOR, ROOM 625

ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT

Loulie Brown
Kimberlee Stafford
David Heslam

Douglas Tsoi
Mary Peveto
Ryan Vanden Brink

Bradford McKeown
Edward Hill
Beth Crane (via phone)

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Rebecca O'Neil, Michael Tynan, Jackie Yerby, Roberta Robles

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP/STAFF

Comm. Bailey (partial attendance)
Sam Baraso, OS
Tim Lynch, OS

John Wasiutynski, OS
Sara Harding Mihm, OS

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

None

MEETING DECISIONS & ACTION ITEMS

Decisions:

- **Bradford McKeown** was unanimously selected as 2016 ACSI Vice-Chair.

Action Items:

- **Subcommittees** to share deadlines, work plans, and potential partners for collaboration at April meeting.
- **Office of Sustainability Staff** to schedule sub-committee meetings before April ACSI meeting.
- **Identify County advisory boards** with potential overlap. Invite them brief ACSI at April meeting.
- **John Wasiutynski** to follow up with Michael Armstrong at BPS re: local air quality monitoring.
- **John Wasiutynski** to share Green Healthy Homes Initiative letter of intent via FMYI.
- **John Wasiutynski** to connect with Eric Hess at Trimet regarding the clean diesel procurement policy.
- **Sam Baraso** will continue to look into private funding model with CPACE.
- **Edward Hill** to provide contact information for **Jim Kreiger** of Seattle-King Healthy Homes.
- **John Wasiutynski** requested review of calendar to think about what ACSI is current researching/pursuing.
- **John Wasiutynski** said staff will update the ACSI workplan with known ACSI milestones.
- **Tim Lynch** is to schedule a follow-up meeting for the presentation on Green Building and Affordable Housing.
- **John Wasiutynski** to inquire about an update to ACSI about the Public Health Advisory Committee.

MEETING MINUTES

Introductions/Announcements

- **Edward Hill** was introduced as the newest member of ACSI.
- **Sara Harding Mihm** was introduced as the newest member of the Office of Sustainability.
- **John Wasiutynski** said there will be a series of three informational briefings on air toxics/air quality (30 minutes each, no public testimony), currently in planning phase. The series will begin at the end of February and will go through March. Topics to include Clean Air Act, wood smoke, and a clean diesel procurement policy.
- **The Board of Commissioners** will consider a resolution to voice opposition to crude oil-by-rail this week, brought by Commissioner Jules Bailey.

Administrative

- **10/14/15 meeting minutes** were reviewed and approved. **Kim Stafford** and **Douglas Tsoi** abstained to vote due to their absence at that meeting.

Annual Calendar / Work-Plan

- **John Wasiutynski** requested a review of the calendar to think about what ACSI is current investigating and pursuing and to think about any new areas for exploration.

CPACE Updates

- CPACE name idea so far is Property Fit Oregon (fit = retrofit).
- **Sam Baraso** is currently working on bringing on Sustainable Real Estate solutions as contractor to deliver trainings for contractors to start selling the CPACE program. The legal infrastructure has been developed.
- The first training is anticipated for end of Q1, focusing on selling an energy renovation project.
- Pilot is restricted to disadvantaged minority women (DMW) owned businesses.
- In the second half of 2016, we will engage with private lenders.
- Desire to bring the group involved in the meeting from August back together to show the progress made and then again in March.
- Outreach to some contractors will take place at the end of January.
- **Bradford McKeown** asked when the possibility for funding the first demo project might happen.
- **Sam Baraso** replied that hopefully, it will be the first half of this year. We need a willing building owner in an urban renewal area to work with the right contractor to be a “guinea pig.” We need 1-2 projects to come through before we develop private lender model. Patrick Quinton, PDC Executive Director, wants this project to go forward first and foremost with DMW businesses so it doesn’t become an afterthought.
- **Edward Hill** suggested reaching out to Maxine Fitzpatrick/Colas Construction re: a new housing project that PCRI just received funding. **Sam Baraso** will connect to see if there is capacity for funding with CPACE.
- **David Heslam** asked if **Sam Baraso** will be attending the PACE convention and said it was a practical conference. Sam said yes.

Air Toxics

- **John Wasiutynski** said there will be a series of three informational briefings (30 minutes each, no public testimony), currently in planning phase. The series will begin at the end of February and will go through March. Topics to include Clean Air Act, wood smoke, and a clean diesel procurement policy.
 - **Edward Hill** suggested and **Mary Peveto** agreed that **Eric Hess** at Trimet would be a good person to speak with on the clean diesel procurement policy.
- MCIP, Hispanic Chamber, and contractors who may be less likely to afford large capital investments were also mentioned as parties to connect with to ensure that this policy can work for them and not burden the other goals of the County.
- **David Heslam** said that City of Portland’s Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is looking at air quality with distributed sensor technology in targeted areas as part of the Smart Cities Initiative. Encouraged **John Wasiutynski** to touch base with the City of Portland BPS folks and **John** said he had talked about it with Michael Armstrong at BPS.
- **John Wasiutynski** asked if there was interest from ACSI to work on the East County greening efforts. **Edward Hill** and **Beth Crane** are interested.
- **Edward Hill** suggested to look into opportunities for funding from EPA’s Making a Visible Difference program and that there may be collaboration opportunities with HUD, National Parks, Fish & Wildlife.
 - **Mary Peveto** has been on phone calls relevant to the topic and thinks the EPA’s role is questionable and that we need further clarification on what they are working on.

Oil by Rail

- **The Board of Commissioners** will consider a resolution to voice opposition to Oil-by-Rail this week.
- **OS** will present on why this issue is cause for concern, alongside emergency responders, Office of Emergency Management staff, and environmental advocates.

Commissioner Bailey/Board Updates

- **Commissioner Jules Bailey** will serve the remainder of his term through January 2016.
- Commissioner’s new liaison to ACSI is **Henry Burton**, new policy staff person. Formerly 2014 intern.
- **Commissioners McKeel, Shiprack, and Bailey** will not be running for reelection next year due to term limits.

- Unclear about which future Commissioner would champion ACSI after the Board changes next year.
- **Chair Deborah Kafoury** thinks of ACSI as the model committee for the County.
- **Commissioner Jules Bailey** joined the ACSI meeting, and provided updates.
- **Commissioner Jules Bailey** asked the group to share the top issues for the year. Response was air quality, Rockwood greening efforts, CPACE, the intersection of housing development and green building standards, and the Climate Action Plan.
- **Commissioner Jules Bailey** offered tips for the upcoming presentation. Quality is most important, weaving in the energy and health aspects, in addition to durability of the building. Suggested it be data-driven and cover the value to occupants as the targeted message is what the group will be most interested in. The group will rank the order of things to do by what needs triage, so ACSI should be mindful of their recent busy schedule.
- **John Wasiutynski** is talking with Portland Housing Bureau to bring presentation on quality, healthy, affordable housing to their advisory committee.

Subcommittees

- Work plans for subcommittees to be shared at the April ACSI meeting.
- **Mary Peveto** is chair of the air toxics subcommittee.
- **David Heslam** is the chair of the energy subcommittee.
- **Beth Crane** and **Edward Hill** are to co-chair the to-be-formed Greening East County/Rockwood subcommittee.
- **Bradford McKeown** suggested that subcommittees identify the community groups/potential partners and share in April to see potential overlap. Said he'd like to stay involved with CPACE and work on green building/housing. Requested to stay in loop with Climate Action Plan.
- **Mary Peveto** asked others to voice interest to work on subcommittee issues or chairs to actively recruit.
- **Ryan Vanden Brink** interested in Climate and Energy sub-committees.

Legislative Update

- **Bradford McKeown** said that nothing is happening during the state's short session this year. Asked if we can put out our feelers for the 2017 full session. Or, can any policy recommendations be made?
- **John Wasiutynski** heard from Andrea Durbin that diesel will be a major issue for OEC in 2017.
- **Mary Peveto** said this is an opportunity for a public entity to bring focus and direction. She would like to know who will take the reins and lead. Said that wood smoke is an issue that will dominate air quality issue conversations in Salem as it is easier to measure than diesel.
- **Residential PACE**: Representative Helm is pushing this state legislation that will enable a residential PACE. The language would mirror CPACE but be about residential.

ACSI Milestones

- **Douglas Tsoi** said that the ACSI milestones seem to be all process and no action.
- **Bradford McKeown** asked to include the presentation and the recommendations for green building for housing, taking place on March 3.
- **Kim Stafford** said that the annual letter should be included in the milestones/timeline.
- **Mary Peveto** said that the subcommittees should come back with issue-specific items and action plans that match up with this structure.
- **John Wasiutynski** said that staff will update the document with known milestones and items that we already know will be happening. Can be shared via Google Docs and if individuals of ACSI know how to access it, can update as they'd like. Alternatively, a Word doc can be shared or suggestions can be emailed to staff for updating.
- **Douglas Tsoi** said that a lot of work will be done on subcommittee so having deadlines would be helpful.

Climate Action Plan

- **Tim Lynch** said that we'll fold internal sustainability metrics into Climate Action Plan work group.
- **ACSI** is to convene around CAP and how we're taking the metrics into account.
- **Douglas Tsoi** asked to be a part of the Climate Action Plan workgroup. Offered to help with action prioritization.
- **Bradford McKeown, Ryan Vanden Brink and Kimberlee Stafford** also interested in the CAP workgroup.

Multnomah County Advisory Boards

- **Beth Crane** supports the engagement with Environmental Health Committee.
- **Mary Peveto** said that we should be more aware of other advisory boards where there could be potential overlap.
- **Bradford McKeown** asked about an equivalent advisory board for the Health department at the County. Said that other perspectives are valuable but that ACSI set boundaries and not “widen the net” too much. Suggested the April meeting to be an opportunity to receive a briefing from other committees and learn where potential overlaps may exist.
- **Kim Stafford** mentioned that there is also a County Bike Ped committee.

Green Healthy Homes Initiative

- **Tim Lynch** said the next steps are to receive an application back from GHHI and the project team will go through an assessment phase. Will then move forward with launching a chapter within this calendar year.
- **Tim Lynch** is to schedule a follow-up to the presentation on Green Building and Affordable Housing, where **David Heslam** will be presenting.
- **Tim Lynch** to send a Doodle poll on topics.
- **John Wasiutynski** said that he’ll share the letter of intent via FMYI.
- **Edward Hill** suggested looking into the Seattle-King Healthy Homes program.