

## Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)



### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 1/26/22, 9am-11am

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### Next Meeting

TBD

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### ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Lukas Angus, Derron Coles, Adah Crandall, Jona Davis, Koffi Dessou, Mara Gross, Tori Heroux, Rick Hodges, Tammy Lee, Sasha Pollack, Emma Sagor, Amanda Zuniga

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

Tim Lynch, Knowledge Murphy, Sara Mihm, Silvia Tanner, John Wasiutynski (Office of Sustainability)

### ACTION ITEMS

- **Office of Sustainability:**
  - **Knowledge Murphy** will send out a survey about stipends for ACSI members.
  - **Knowledge Murphy** will email ACSI members about:
    - February meeting, which will include a list of potential topics for discussion so that members can determine if the meeting is necessary.
    - Subcommittee descriptions and meeting days and times
- **ACSI members:**
  - **ACSI members** should email **Knowledge Murphy** if their affiliation listed on the [ACSI website](#) should be amended.
  - **Mara Gross** will tell ACSI members when the presentation about the annual letter to the Board of Commissioners is scheduled.
  - **Amanda Zuniga** will share a link to a Jamboard for the climate subcommittee.
  - **Derron Coles** will send a two-pager about the importance of connecting tree canopy.

### DECISIONS MADE

- None.

### REVIEW THE ANNUAL LETTER

- **Mara Gross** and **John Wasiutynski** provided context about the annual letter to the Board of Commissioners.
- ACSI members are encouraged to bring guest speakers, new ideas to subcommittee meetings.

## SUBCOMMITTEES REVIEW

### AIR TOXICS SUBCOMMITTEE

- **Tori Heroux** shared background about the Air Toxics subcommittee, as well as the main topics of diesel and woodsmoke that the subcommittee has focused on. She acknowledged the role that the subcommittee has played in moving forward clean air construction ordinance from Multnomah County, City of Portland, Metro, and the Port of Portland.
- **John Wasiutynski** shared information about recent rules passed at the state and local levels regarding construction equipment and wood burning. Multnomah County is now in the process of doing more with air monitoring to put the power and knowledge in the hands of community members.

### CLIMATE AND ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE

- **Amanda Zuniga** shared background about the Climate subcommittee.
- **Tim Lynch** expressed gratitude for the input of ACSI members and their role in the work of moving forward discussed priorities.
- **Derron Coles** shared his interest in urban forestry and the importance of connecting canopies across jurisdictions, and shifting investments to BIPOC communities. He shared the importance of tree care maintenance.
- **Koffi Dessou** expressed the importance of working with youth and all generations to lead on environmental issues, like clean energy. He explained the African immigrant relationship with Native Americans and trees.
- **Sasha Pollack** described the importance of ACSI pushing the envelope about the issues and services that Multnomah County can focus on.
- **Mara Gross** expressed that the County has regulatory and financial power in some areas, assets like buildings, and the ways that the County can educate and influence other bodies, like boards, the Legislature, as well as other cities.
- **John Wasiutynski** shared that a lot of recommendations that the committee has made is in support of legislative priorities, and that we often view issues through a health lens.
- **Emma Sagor** shared her interest in the resilience focus of the subcommittee, as well as redistributive justice, which can be applied to different sectors like transportation and energy.
- **Adah Crandall** shared interest in the energy and transportation subcommittee.

### FOOD AND WATER SUBCOMMITTEE

- **Lukas Angus** said that before we are born, we need food and water. He shared that in the process of colonization, food, water, and land was lost, in addition to cultural changes and a new reliance on transportation. He shared a brief history of Sauvie Island, and that Wapato Island is a name that has been used in its place.
- **Jona Davis** expressed interest in the Food and Water Committee.

## TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

- **Mara Gross** shared that 40% of local emissions come from transportation, and that 8 people have died in January due to traffic-related incidents.
- **Sasha Pollack** shared that ODOT is soon receiving money and that **ACSI members** can help inform where some of the money goes.
- **Adah Crandall** shared her interest in stopping the interstate bridge replacement. She expressed the opportunity for Multnomah County to address climate by helping to shape the public's perception of these transportation-related projects, and one way to do this is with language that is easily understood instead of using terms like "auxiliary" or "land replacement."
- **Sasha Pollack** and **Emma Sagor** weighed in on the frequent misperception that safety and climate issues must be pitted against each other. They said that JPACT (convened by Metro) is a major influence on decisions so there are opportunities to address this body.

## OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY UPDATES

- **ACSI member** stipends are now available at \$35 per quarterly meeting. Stipends cannot be issued to a third party, but can be made via direct deposit or a gift card.

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