

Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 2/1/23, 9am - 11am

Remote Access Only

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 4/12/23, 9am - 11am

ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Derron Coles, Adah Crandall, Jona Davis, Koffi Dessou, Mara Gross, Sasha Pollack, Amanda Zuniga

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF / PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Buchanan, Tim Lynch, Sara Mihm, Silvia Tanner, John Wasiutynski (Office of Sustainability), Commissioner Diane Rosenbaum, Melissa Navas (Commissioner Rosenbaum's office), Jaq Kunz (Multnomah County staff), Nico Hamacher (Columbia University graduate student)

ACTION ITEMS

- **Office of Sustainability:**
 - **John Wasiutynski** will connect with **Commissioner Rosenbaum's staff** to determine their availability for quarterly and subcommittee meetings.
 - **Tim Lynch** will:
 - Follow up with **Brendon Haggerty** and **Charlene McGee** to confirm ACSI and Public Health budget requests are in sync.
 - Email a When2Meet poll to schedule a meeting to approve the letter, targeting the week of February 20.
- **ACSI members:**
 - To make all edits to the annual letter by Friday, February 10.
 - Are welcome to attend the February 7 orientation that will be provided for the newest ACSI member, **Samantha Hernandez**.
 - Should contact **Mara Gross** if they are interested in becoming the ACSI Chair or Vice Chair.
 - **Mara Gross** will send a reminder 48 hours in advance to prompt folks to finish their sections.
 - **Adah Crandall** will work on the conclusion of the letter.

DECISIONS MADE

- None

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET COMMISSIONER DIANE ROSENBAUM

- **Commissioner Diane Rosenbaum** shared:
 - She served 18 years in the Oregon legislature, including 10 in the House, and held a variety of leadership positions during that time.
 - She is working on the budget to ensure that sustainability goals will be incorporated.
 - Her gratitude to ACSI for work on protecting public health during extreme weather events.

ANNUAL LETTER REVIEW & BREAKOUTS

- **ACSI members** and **staff** divided into breakout groups to make suggested edits in the annual letter.
- If there are any changes to the letter that **ACSI members** object to, or have suggested edits and comments, please make comments in the document.
- The **Transportation subcommittee** can have a more streamlined section of the annual letter to share by the end of this week.
- The **Climate & Energy subcommittee** is close to completing their section and is working on flow and categorization.
- The **Air Toxics subcommittee** section has been shortened as some diesel recommendations are already being implemented. Other areas that will be addressed incorporate the prioritization of health and wellbeing, taking into considerations cultural considerations for cooking with wood or a person's livelihood.
- There were no **Food and Water subcommittee** members present to hold a breakout session but **ACSI members** are encouraged to share their feedback in the letter.

CHAIR ELECTION

- The Chair election did not take place due to a lack of quorum, and will be included in the upcoming meeting later in February when the ACSI annual letter is approved.

REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- The meeting minutes from October 2022 were not approved due to lack of quorum, but will be included in the upcoming meeting later in February.

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY UPDATES

- **Nicole Buchanan** has joined the Office of Sustainability as the Senior Climate Resilience Policy Analyst.
- **Knowledge Murphy** has left the Office of Sustainability to work with the American Farmland Trust.
- The Office of Sustainability has an open position of Sustainability Engagement Specialist.
- **Tim Lynch** shared an update on the Climate Justice Plan, which continues to move forward.

FUTURE ACSI MEETING

- **ACSI members** discussed holding a hybrid remote/in person meeting for the scheduled ACSI meeting, and Office of Sustainability staff will look into whether there is an adequate set up to host a hybrid meeting.

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