

ACSI QUARTERLY MEETING

Date	Wednesday, 5/8/24, 10AM-12PM
	Remote access only
Next Meeting	Wednesday, 8/14/24, 1PM-3PM

ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT

- Adah Crandall, Sunrise Movement PDX
- Amanda Zuniga, Energy Trust of Oregon
- Dr. Derron Coles, The Blueprint Foundation
- Elaine Hart, Moment Energy Insights
- Jona Davis, Portland NAACP Environmental Justice Committee
- Mara Gross, Levav Consulting
- Noelle Studer-Spevak, Families for Climate
- Samantha Hernandez
- Tori Heroux, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF / PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner staff	Office of Sustainability	Other Multnomah County staff, Public
None present	Tim Lynch Sara Mihm Monique Smiley Silvia Tanner John Wasiutynski	Brian Romer

ACTION ITEMS

- **Sara Mihm** will format the final approved letter.
- **John Wasiutynski** will share the email addresses of all Commissioners and chiefs of staff with Amanda and Jona so that they can send the annual letter. After the letter is shared with leadership it can be posted to the public website.
- **John Wasiutynski** will share the ACSI work plan that was discussed during the meeting.

- **Tim Lynch** will follow up with ACSI members via email to discuss continued interest in the transportation subcommittee. Potential areas of interest include the links between transportation, built environment, and health.

DECISIONS MADE

- **The annual letter was approved.**

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

- **Amanda Zuniga** shared that there are job opportunities at **Energy Trust of Oregon**, and opportunities to come to public meetings to give comment on strategic planning around the future of clean energy in Oregon.
- **Samantha Hernandez** shared that the **Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF)** budget hearing is Tuesday at 8:30 PM and encouraged folks to attend.
- **Silvia Tanner** shared that **PGE** has a public hearing for their proposed rate increase on Thursday 5/16th at 6 pm.
- **John Wasiutynski** shared that we are in budget season and that the budget includes two positions at the County in Environmental Health and Weatherization key to program areas championed by Sustainability.
- **Noelle Studer-Spevak** shared that two weeks ago there was a kick-off to amend the Oregon Constitution for environmental rights and two senators signed on and had a strong tribal presence. Also, she shared that through the Portland city budget process, she and other groups are advocating for making street trees more accessible to everyone around the city.
- **Sara Mihm** shared an upcoming presentation, open to the public, about third-party certifications and labels, taking place virtually on Wednesday, 5/22 at 11 AM.
- **Brian Romer** shared that he's on **Multnomah County's Community Involvement Committee (CIC)** and wants to share how they can complement or support this work. He's been a sustainability and climate publisher for the last 30 years.

REVIEW & APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- **ACSI members** present approved the meeting minutes from 2/28/24 with no corrections.
- **Tori Heroux** abstained from voting due to her absence at that meeting.

ANNUAL LETTER

- **ACSI members** present read the letter during the meeting and voted to approve the letter pending the following amendments:
 - **Noelle Studer-Spevak** requested adding "and associated pedestrian infrastructure" to the Transportation section.

- **Elaine Hart** requested to abstain from voting and have her name removed from the annual letter since she was not as involved in writing the letter since she understood it was a letter from 2023 members.
- **Tori Heroux** requested to have her professional affiliation removed from the annual letter.
- Recorded vote: In favor: Amanda, Derron, Jona, Mara, Noelle, Samantha, Tori. Abstained: Elaine. Absent: Adah, Juliae, Lukas, Tammy.

CHAIR & VICE CHAIR ELECTION

- **Amanda Zuniga** and **Jona Davis** shared that they are willing to continue as Chair and Vice Chair but also opened their positions for others to step into them.
- **Amanda Zuniga** and **Jona Davis** were unanimously voted to remain in their positions by **ACSI members** present.

WORK PLAN

- **John Wasiutynski** shared an outline of the ACSI work plan. He explained how the Climate Justice Plan is a key priority for the Office of Sustainability, as well as acquiring funding to achieve forthcoming goals centered in a targeted universalism framework. He and **Monique Smiley** shared how connecting with **ACSI members** and groups like the Community Involvement Committee will be important in the community outreach to come.
- The work plan includes a briefing on the Climate Justice Plan from the **Office of Sustainability** for **ACSI members** in August.
- There are benefits to having an annual letter finalized before the end of the calendar year, like funding that hasn't yet been finalized, and it being before the legislative session so that the County can plan for potential efforts in advocacy.
- **Jona Davis** asked what **ACSI members** can do to help recruit new members for future years. The group discussed the importance of inviting others to subcommittee meetings, doing personal and targeted outreach, and vouching for the role ACSI can play in shaping policy.