

## Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

### Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.



#### NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

MULTNOMAH BUILDING, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, ROOM 625

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#### ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Peveto, Ryan Vanden Brink, Loulie Brown, David Heslam, Beth Crane, Jackie Yerby, Kimberlee Stafford (phone)

#### NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ed Hill, Bradford McKeown, Douglas Tsoi, Michael Tynan, Roberta Robles, Rebecca O'Neil

#### MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP/STAFF

Office of Sustainability: John Wasiutynski, Tim Lynch, Sam Baraso, Sara Mihm, Maria Kjellstrand (intern), Nelyn Phillip (intern)  
Health Department: Andrea Hamberg

#### COMMUNITY MEMBERS

None

### MEETING DECISIONS & ACTION ITEMS

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#### Decisions:

- 4/13/16 minutes were approved as amended. Beth Crane abstained.
- The **Annual Retreat** will take place on September 29, 1-4pm, at **Tonkon Torp**.
- The subcommittee on housing will meet in August. The group includes **Brendon Haggerty, Loulie Brown, David Heslam, and Beth Crane**. A Doodle poll will be sent by **Sam Baraso**.
- There will be one more subcommittee meeting on climate change action meeting before the Retreat. A Doodle poll will be sent by **Tim Lynch**.

#### Action Items:

- **Sara Mihm** to amend April 13 minutes.
- **Tim Lynch** to share a spreadsheet of Climate Action Plan (CAP) updates, as shown in person. He will also include actions that have not yet been initiated.
- **ACSI Members** are to review climate brainstorm list and provide feedback and new ideas to **Tim Lynch**.
- **Subcommittees** to bring a bulleted list of recommendations for the Board to the Retreat in September.
- The **Annual Retreat** agenda will be created by leadership and OS staff.
- **Andrea Hamberg** will look into a no-cost facilitation option within Environmental Health to lead the Annual Retreat.
- **John Wasiutynski** to invite **Beth Crane** to the air toxics subcommittee meetings.
- **Sam Baraso** to notify **Brendon Haggerty** that **Andrea Hamberg** recommended him for the housing subcommittee.
- **Tim Lynch** requested that ACSI members review the brainstorm list and respond to Tim with ideas for refining the ideas and new ideas that should be considered.

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### Introductions/Announcements

- **John Wasiutynski** announced the birth of his baby boy, **Bodhan**.

## Office of Sustainability Updates and Subcommittee Check-ins

### Air Quality

- **John Wasiutynski** invited the interested ACSI members to request an invite for the Air Quality subcommittee, which meets on the second Monday of the month.
- **Governor Kate Brown's Cleaner Air Oregon/DEQ's technical rule-making advisory** meeting has met twice. This is expected to be an 18-month process.
- **Senator Dembrow** is convening a diesel **workgroup made up of** industry and advocates. **Chris Fick** has been attending on behalf of Multnomah County.
- A draft of the federal consent decree/settlement with VW re: emissions scandal is available for public comment until August 6<sup>th</sup>. Oregon is expected to receive a considerable amount of money that will be used for vehicle replacements and NOx reduction strategies.
- **Mary Peveto** said that there will be 'must-pass' legislation in the next session to authorize expenditure of the federal VW consent decree proceeds in Oregon. Connecting diesel legislation to the consent decree legislation will give advocates leverage in the 2017 session. She is currently identifying communities most harmed by NOx and emissions, demonstrating a prioritization in disparate environmental justice impacts.
- **Multnomah County** funded a project with **Portland State University** for new air monitoring equipment. Their goal is to identify six locations to monitor over the three year project. Once the data has been collected, it will be disseminated with the intention to create a plan for action.
- **John Wasiutynski** spoke about initiating a regional conversation to talk about air toxics issues and concerns, with the hope of better understanding leverage points for local governments and health departments. **Multnomah County** is developing a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to help identify what strategies local governments are using to address air quality and how effective those strategies are. One potential strategy is a **Regional Air Authority**.
- **Black carbon** was discussed as a short-term climate accelerator. **Mary Peveto** thinks attention given to this issue can put **Multnomah County** in a position of leadership.
- **Tim Lynch** said that we're hoping to establish a **Clean Diesel Standard** with Metro, Port of Portland, City of Portland, and Washington County. **Multnomah County** is piloting projects this summer.

### PropertyFit / CPACE

- **Sam Baraso** said they are working to bring at least 10-12 disadvantaged, minority and women (**DMW**) contractors into the pilot program. 20 contractors participated in an April training.
- The CPACE team is currently finalizing documentation and going through a legal review before presenting about the pilot and a modified IGA with the **Portland Development Commission (PDC)** to the **Multnomah County Board of Commissioners** in August.
- Currently, eight building projects are being considered for the pilot, two of which projects came from contractors and six came from the PDC.
- The CPACE team is in talks with building owners and working with **Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO)** to look at previously completed energy audits. So far, ETO has been a great partner. ETO has included a requirement to bringing a certain number of CPACE projects to the table in its contracts with its Allied Technical Assistance Contractors (ATACs)
- Given the interest and limited funds available during the pilot, the CPACE team is looking at transitioning to private lender model.
- Currently working with **Sustainable Real Estate Solutions** to provide training to contractors.
- CPACE team will pursue legislation in the next sessions that will allow CPACE to finance projects at public facilities, water conservation projects (e.g., low flow toilets), or electric vehicle charging stations. All projects must have nexus with energy.
- Regarding water, David Heslam suggested that this made sense as a priority given costs of stormwater for building owners. Looking at electric vehicles also makes sense, as it aligns with the public utilities goals
- **David Heslam** shared a summary of a letter sent by **Governor Kate Brown** about tax credits, which said that they should sunset in 2017. Tax credits examples given included residential and commercial, all energy efficiency and renewables. The Governor's team is open to the public's suggestions for future state programs.

- **John Wasiutynski** cited Connecticut's CPACE program that uses a **Green Bank**, and suggested a need for a stand-alone financing authority at the state level that lends into specific eligible projects. Suggested that the group could author a white paper to create chatter about this possibility.
- The timeline for CPACE has not been affected after the changes in leadership at **PDC**.

### Climate Action Plan Update

- **Tim Lynch** provided a one-year snapshot of how the County is doing on the CAP. To stay accountable and organized, he requested feedback on how to best track information on the document and communicate information to the group, as well as to other partners.
- **David Heslam** suggested that a measurement of "On track" with regards to a project's status is whether or not a project is on an individual or team's work plan, and/or contained within a budget. **Mary Peveto** asked about City/County relationship on the CAP, in regards to political and financial overlap. **Tim Lynch** replied that there is a lot of collaboration between the two parties, but often City and County are focused on different things.
- **Beth Crane** suggested that the **Office of Sustainability** connect with the **Citizen Budget Advisory Committees (CBACs)** early on in the County budget process, with permission from the **Chair's Office**. **Brenda Morgan** from the **Office of Citizen Involvement** is the point of contact for CBACs. The Chair could also consider including climate/sustainability as a priority in her direction to the CBACs.
- **Tim Lynch** passed out a document with a list of brainstorming ideas about new climate related initiatives for consideration. At this time, Tim requested that the group keep this document private until ideas can be worked out. Ultimately, the document will be presented to **Chair Deborah Kafoury** to provide a menu of new climate initiatives to support. The **Office of Sustainability** will also follow up with DCHS's **Idea Lab**.
- **Tim Lynch** requested that ACSI members review the brainstorm list and respond to Tim with ideas for refining the ideas and new ideas that should be considered.
- **Sam Baraso, Tim Lynch, and David Heslam** requested to include building codes in the conversation. **David Heslam** suggested that the County take legislative action, which would reaffirm the County's position to the state.
- **Mary Peveto** suggested a subcommittee on Housing/Building codes. **David Heslam** and **Beth Crane, Loulie Brown**, volunteered, and will integrate this into the **Energy subcommittee**.
- **David Heslam** suggested that **John Wasiutynski** share information about improving building codes with neighboring counties, in which **John Wasiutynski** suggested doing so through the **Association of Oregon Counties**.
- **Tim Lynch** mentioned that he, David Heslam, and others are working with the **Portland Housing Bureau** on the development of green building requirement for affordable housing. Identified this as an opportunity for ACSI and the County to weigh in, around health and durability standards in particular.
- **John Wasiutynski** shared that the **City of Gresham** doesn't pay for tree plantings. Office of Sustainability will help with a tree inventory this month to help with resiliency.
- **Chair Deborah Kafoury's** perspective on the VW settlement would be valuable to utilize as a political opportunity. Consider integrating her perspective into the brainstorming document shared by **Tim Lynch**.
- While discussing the VW settlement, **Beth Crane** suggested that fuel savings from any replacements of **Trimet** buses go toward a YouthPass program.
- **John Wasiutynski** suggested having at least one more meeting on climate action planning before the Annual Retreat.

### Annual Retreat Planning

- The **Annual Retreat** will take place on 9/29/16 from 1-4pm. **Kimberlee Stafford** offered meeting space at **Tonkon Torp**, and the group agreed to hold the retreat there.
- The **Annual Retreat** agenda will be created by leadership and Office of Sustainability staff.
- The letter of recommendation first draft will come out of the **Annual Retreat**.
- **John Wasiutynski** will coordinate with **Commissioner Jules Bailey** and/or **Chair Deborah Kafoury** to see if they can join the meeting, as well as **Mary Li's** team at the Department of County Human Services, who works on safety-net programs including low-income weatherization.
- **Andrea Hamberg** will look into a no-cost facilitation option within Environmental Health to lead the Annual Retreat.

### ACSI Member Transitions

- **Sam Baraso** will follow up with ACSI Board Members who are coming to the end of their term to get a sense of interest of who will want to remain. Recruiting for new members will take place in November.