

City of Bend Environment and Climate Committee
April 8, 2021

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, online and by phone.

Roll Call: Bill Welch, Kavi Chokshi, Kellie Jensen, Kersey Marion, Mark Buckley, Neil Baunsgard, Peter Grube, Rory Isbell, Serena Dietrich, Tess Gardner (alternate), Anne Birky (ex officio), Sasha Sulia (ex officio)

Absent: Kelly Jensen

1. Approval of minutes from 3/11/2021 ECC Meeting

Member Welch moved to approve the March 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Member Isbell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

2. Public Comment

Teresa Schader, volunteer with 350 Deschutes and other organizations in the community, said that the memo and resolution are well thought out and asked to add that the City communicate results and create an action plan based on those results. Schader recommended Council pass the resolution citing health and safety, as well as environmental concerns around the transport of fossil fuels, through our city.

Laurie Harrer, Volunteer and Program Coordinator for 350 Deschutes, encouraged the committee to recommend the resolution expressing safety and environmental concerns with transportation of oil by rail, through the City of Bend to Council. Harrer requested a statement be added to section two requiring the findings from the environment and health impact statements.

Kaily Fineran, Volunteer for 350 Deschutes, said that Bend must lay the groundwork for other local communities to follow and asked the ECC to include an addition to section two that states the findings from the environmental and health impact statements be clearly communicated to a person or entity that has the power to plan actions and adjust based on these findings.

3. Updates

No updates.

4. Bike Rack

Member Dietrich discussed adding a bike rack to the standing agenda items. The committee is supportive.

5. Fossil Fuel Transport by Rail

Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst, and Mary Winters, City Attorney presented the following slides on the Fossil Fuel Transport by Rail:

- Oil Train Background
- Oil Train Discussion
- Draft Resolution

The committee agreed to have few members review the draft resolution for staff to bring back to the May meeting. Members Isbell and Welch volunteered to review the draft resolution and give comments to Cassie Lacy and Mary Winters.

6. Rubberized Chip Seal Project Position

David Abbas, Transportation and Mobility Director, presented a staff report on the Rubberized Chip Seal Project.

Member Isbell moved to support the project using rubberized chip seal, pending approval by the Storm Water Advisory Committee. Member Chokshi seconded motion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

7. Evaluation Criteria Discussion

The committee discussed the evaluation criteria.

8. Process and Timeline for Prioritization

Committee members to meet in subgroups to figure out what questions need to be asked in terms of actions that are being listed and deliberate at the next meeting.

9. Agenda Setting

10. Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy City Recorder