

City of Bend Environment and Climate Committee
May 13, 2021

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 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: Anne Birky, Sasha Sulia

1. Approval of minutes from 4/8/2021 ECC Meeting

Member Welch moved to approve the April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Member Jensen seconded the motion. **Voice Vote** - Members Welch, Chokshi, Jensen, Marion, Buckley, Grube, Isbell, Dietrich (8-0).

2. Public Comment

Cathie Flanigan, International Dark Sky Association Oregon Chapter, discussed concerns that all environmental considerations that come before the ECC and City are overlooked. Flanigan shared that the International Dark Sky Association would like to present to the ECC.

Diane Hodiak, 350 Deschutes Executive Director, asked if the committee had any concerns of the oil train resolution not passing.

3. Updates

Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst, presented the following updates:

- Public evaluation subgroup meeting scheduled – occurring weeks of May 24, 2020 and May 3, 2021
- Stormwater PAG review of rubberized chip seal:
 - Agreed with ECC's recommendations
 - Recommends holding odd in the drainage area that drains to the river
 - Recommends collection data in area that its being used
- FY 2021-23 budget adopted last night
- House Bill (HB) 2001 Planning Commission work session involvement

Member Baunsgard joined the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Members Isbell, Jensen and Baunsgard showed interest in being involved in the HB 2001 Planning Commission Work Session.

4. Bike Rack

The Committee captured the following topics to be placed on the ECC Bike Rack to be discussed at future meetings:

- City of Bend Tree Code
- Homeowner Association (HOA) rules requiring homeowners and the HOA to have a grass lawn and not be able to substitute that with a zero landscaping and something less intensive
- Climate emergency declaration
- Light pollution

5. Oil Train Resolution

The Committee discussed the following changes and updates to the Oil Train resolution:

- Change title to “A Resolution Opposing Transportation of Oil by Rail Through the City of Bend Due to Safety and Environmental Concerns”
- Change the first bullet point in section three to “Requires railroad companies or oil companies to make public aggregate information about both current oil transport by rail and any development plans for increased rail traffic that accommodate oil transport and storage”
- Change section one to “The City Council opposes oil by rail transportation through or within the City of Bend on the east side of the Cascades in the state of Oregon due to safety and environmental concerns”

Member Welch moved for the ECC to adopt the Oil Train Resolution as amended. Member Chokshi seconded the motion.

Member Welch moved to amend the main motion by changing the wording to “the ECC recommends that Council adopt the resolution for transport of oil by rail as proposed by the ECC”. Member Chokshi seconded the motion. **Voice Vote** - Members Welch, Chokshi, Jensen, Marion, Buckley, Grube, Isbell, Dietrich, Baunsgard (9-0).

6. Evaluation Process

Member Dietrich presented an overview of the ECC Process Timeline and Evaluation Criteria Rating Tool.

Member Isbell suggested that the constraints be added into the proposed draft evaluation criteria. Member Baunsgard explained that would be discussed and voted in the second piece of the Evaluation Criteria.

Member Dietrich left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Member Chokshi suggested instead of having the tool automatically subtract the constraints from the priority score, just have it be a separate number to also consider.

The ECC is supportive of the Evaluation Criteria Rating Tool including Member Chokshi's suggestion.

7. Evaluation Criteria

The ECC agreed to have a small group of members meet to review the Evaluation Criteria and bring back more detailed notes to the next meeting.

8. Small Group Report Outs

Did not discuss due to time.

9. Agenda Setting

Did not discuss due to time.

10. Adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy City Recorder