

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:02 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021, online and by phone.

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

Member Jensen joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

### **1. Approval of minutes from 6/10/2021 ECC Meeting**

Member Welch moved to approve the June 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Member Isbell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

### **2. Public Comment**

Allegra Briggs requested that public comments be allowed via email submission, saying that process would make it more equitable. Briggs discussed the tree equity score for neighborhoods in Bend.

Member Grube and Ex-Officio Member Birky joined the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

### **3. Updates**

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

- ECC Work Timeline for April 2021 through September 2021
- Community Requests – how to respond to emails

Members discussed the following on responding to community emails:

- Add the email process to the ECC website
- Keep the process for the community responding to emails – copying the Chair and Co-Chair
- Members to forward emails to staff received from the public to keep for the City's record – avoid more public record responsibility for the ECC
- Create an ECC email address

### **4. Bike Rack**

Member Dietrich reviewed the following ECC Bike Rack items for future agenda topics:

- Community topics
  - Tree code/ordinance
  - HOA Rules re: xeriscaping

- Xeriscaping requirements for affordable housing projects
- Climate Emergency Declaration
- Dark Skies presentation
- COID property sale
- Committee Process
  - How to respond to emails from community members – remove from Bike Rack

## 5. Working Group Evaluation Report Outs

Member Jensen, Chokshi, and Dietrich presented the following Waste and Materials Working Group Evaluation Ratings (working group would like to combine priorities 1-3 into an implementation action of a communications or educational program):

1. Develop and deliver educational programs that encourage residents to compost their food waste
2. Conduct outreach campaigns that promote food waste prevention
3. Expand curbside composting program
4. Utilize low carbon concrete mixes in City projects and create incentives to encourage developers to utilize low carbon concrete
5. Improve recycling at multifamily residences
6. Conduct outreach campaigns that promote waste prevention and reducing consumption
7. Investigate and invest in facility and infrastructure upgrades to meet long term needs of solid waste system
8. Implement training programs for specific industries to prevent waste
9. Develop a recycling and waste reduction program targeting tourists
10. Expand and develop new programs to increase recovery of construction and demolition materials

Member Goodwin and Baunsgard presented the Transportation Working Group Evaluation Ratings:

1. Prioritize Bend's Bike, Pedestrian, and Complete Streets policies in the Transportation System Plan
2. Expand transit service consistent with the regional transportation master plan
3. Create a Mobility Hub program
4. Develop an electric vehicle readiness plan
5. Create high capacity transit corridors
6. Encourage the use of carpooling, vanpooling, and other modes of ridesharing
7. Coordinate with the school district to encourage use of public transit for getting to school
8. Convert City and other public agency fleets to electric vehicles and alternative fuels

Member Welch presented the following Energy in Buildings Working Group Evaluation Ratings:

1. Create new incentive packages that increase the installation of energy efficiency projects on residential and commercial buildings

2. Participate in code update processes and vote for advancing energy efficiency in codes
3. Develop a home energy score program
4. Create revolving loan funds to finance energy efficiency projects
5. Support and expand workforce development programs in energy efficiency trades
6. Develop incentives that encourage private developers to build smaller housing options
7. Support and expand low cost energy audit programs
8. Increase community education on energy efficiency and available incentives
9. Promote energy efficiency incentives offered by utilities by providing this information during the permitting process
10. Develop and deliver outreach and education campaigns promoting net zero ready standards
11. Develop voluntary disclosure and benchmarking programs for public and commercial buildings
12. Explore options for demand response programs

Member Buckley presented the following Energy Supply Working Group Evaluation Ratings:

1. Develop a roadmap to achieve a 100% renewable electricity supply
2. Promote renewable energy incentives offered by utilities by providing this information during the permitting process
3. Create new incentive packages that increase the installation of renewable energy projects on residential and commercial buildings
4. Create revolving loan funds to finance renewable energy projects
5. Increase community education on renewable energy and available incentives
6. Support and expand workforce development programs in renewable energy trades
7. Develop community solar projects that residents can subscribe to
8. Create a commercial property-assessed clean energy (C-PACE) program
9. Install solar panels on public buildings
10. Pilot microgrid and battery storage projects
11. Develop a program that allows residential and commercial customers to offset their gas use
12. Build a biodigester at the water reclamation facility after confirming feasibility of project

## **6. Discussion: Prioritizing for Council**

Lacy presented the following next steps for Council Prioritization:

- Need to select 3-6 “new action” Citywide Climate Action Plan (CCAP) actions to recommend moving forward with this biennium
  - Reminders from the memo: need to consider work plan for committee and be comfortable with imperfect information
- Express support for “existing actions” that are underway or already planned and budgeted
- Proposed Selection Process:

- Virtual sticky exercise – Committee members to select top five “new actions” at the August ECC meeting
- Discuss the top three to six at the August meeting
- Vote by the end of the August meeting if possible, or bump final decision to the September meeting

Lacy presented the following CCAP recommendations for the September presentation to Council:

1. Short CCAP overview
2. Context around current recommendations
3. Recommended ECC actions
  - a. 3-6 new actions – describe them and any key considerations
    - i. Describe the equity considerations that will need to be integrated
    - ii. Outline next steps and work plan for each action for Council, staff, and Committee (Cassie will help define these)
  - b. Support for actions that are already underway or already planned and budgeted
    - i. Example: top 4 transportation items
    - ii. Share any additional considerations to keep in mind as those are moving forward
4. Discussion:
  - a. Council feedback on priorities
  - b. Approval of moving forward with priorities

Member Dietrich reviewed the following for the prioritization process for Council:

- Members to start with action items at not worry about categories at this time
- Each member will have five individual votes for their top priorities – then discuss as a group
- Members want to understand the intensity of the action, whether it is in resources, cost, or time when voting

## **7. Agenda Setting**

The ECC is supportive of discussing the Climate Emergency Declaration at a meeting before taking to the Stewardship Subcommittee.

Lacy to look into where the City is at with the Tree Ordinance and bring updates to the ECC at a later time.

## **8. Adjourned at 1:09 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla M. Duddy  
Deputy City Recorder