

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

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

Excused: Peter Grube, Tess Gardner

Absent: Sasha Sulia

1. Approval of minutes from 7/08/2021 ECC Meeting

Member Welch moved to approve the July 8, 2021 meeting minutes. Member Isbell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

2. Public Comment

Mike Riley, The Environmental Center Executive Director, discussed the Citywide Climate Action Plan (CCAP) prioritization.

3. Updates

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

- Tree Ordinance Status – Council to discuss next spring or later
- The new ECC email address – ECC@bendoregon.gov
- Staffing update – discuss work plan and introduction of new ECC support staff at September meeting

Members are supportive of posting the new ECC email to the ECC website.

4. Bike Rack

Members discussed adding the following items to the ECC Bike Rack:

- Actions missing from the CCAP
 - Buildings – fuel choice, specifically natural gas
 - Possible ordinance on natural gas in new construction

5. CCAP Action Prioritization

Members selected the following six CCAP Priorities to recommend that Council:

- Provide 100% renewable electricity to the community through the grid

- Create revolving loan funds to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency project
- Participate in code update processes and vote for advancing energy efficiency in codes
- Develop a home energy score program
- Develop an outreach and educational program about food waste prevention and diversion
- Improve recycling at multifamily residences

Member Welch moved for the ECC to recommend to Council the six items as the prioritize actions being presented to the City Council subcommittee. Member Chokshi seconded the motion, the motion passed (5-2). (Members Isbell and Buckley opposed).

6. Climate Emergency Resolution

Moved to next meeting due to time.

7. Agenda Setting

Lacy reviewed the following agenda items for the next meeting:

- Synthesize what was discussed today for Council presentation – possible draft presentation
- Climate Emergency Declaration
- Work Plan for the Fall
- Updates on work plan for the Winter

Member Baungard and Dietrich to work with member Chokshi on developing the Climate Emergency Declaration.

8. Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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