

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) Home Energy Score Subgroup was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, online and by phone.

**Roll Call:** Kavi Chokshi, Kersey Marion, Neil Baunsgard, Serena Dietrich, Peter Grube

### **1. Discuss Objective and Content**

Members discussed the following:

- Questions to be answered
  - Effectiveness or reducing greenhouse gas emissions
  - Workforce readiness
  - Costs and other unintended impacts to the home seller
  - Benefits for home buyers
- Timeline – have something to Council in early February 2022
- Possible stakeholders and groups to be included:
  - The Environmental Center
  - Central Oregon Realtor Association (CORA)
  - Central Oregon Builders Association (COBA)
  - City of Portland and other cities
- Look into what other agencies and other cities have done and learn from their experiences
- If the recommendation is to make the program mandatory, how will it be administered by the City?
- Take a larger approach in terms of the purpose – reduce energy costs and reduce waste in terms of the energy sector and improve the comfort for the buyers
- Work collaboratively instead of pushing something on people
- Use a system that lays out the pros and cons, general facts and permission to a mandatory and voluntary program

### **2. Identify Action Plan for Research Requirements**

Members discussed the following:

- First step – meet with the Environmental Center and CORA
  - Speak with the Environmental Center first to get a more rounded look and to get more information on concerns shared by the real estate agents
- Reach out to the City of Portland and other cities for feedback on their Home Energy Score Program
- Speak to Portland Realtors about the mandatory Home Energy Score Program

- Have each subgroup member research a city or research realtors in other cities for more recent information on the Home Energy Score Program
- Look into the framing and delivery of the program
- Next step – look to other stakeholders in the City (home sellers and buyers)
- Subgroup to share feedback

### **3. Detail Out Timeline Expectations**

Members are supportive of scheduling a meeting with the Environmental Center and the CORA before the first of the year.

Member Dietrich to contact the Environmental Center and Member Marion to contact CORA to share an invite and background of what the ECC is looking for.

### **4. Adjourned**

Respectfully Submitted,

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