

**City of Bend
Environment and Climate Committee
Home Energy Score Subgroup
December 21, 2021**

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) Home Energy Score Subgroup was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, online and by phone.

Roll Call: Kavi Chokshi, Kersey Goodwin, Neil Baunsgard (optional), Serena Dietrich, Peter Grube

Absent: Kavi Chokshi

1. Approve December 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Member Grube moved to approve the December 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Member Goodwin seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

2. The Environmental Center Presentation

Lindsey Hardy, The Environmental Center Waste & Energy Programs Director, presented a report on the Home Energy Score.

3. Q&A and Discussion

Members and staff discussed the following:

- Energy Trust of Oregon's focus is on existing homes with the Home Energy Score Program – they are still using their own system when it comes to deciding how to distribute their incentives which is limited to homes in their service territory
- Data shows that builders who are participating in the program are utilizing the Energy Trust of Oregon incentives – 30% of homes
- The Home Energy Score is trying to cast a wider net than just the Energy Trust of Oregon – there are a lot more homes build outside of the territory
- How much did other cities have to implement to support these programs? – there is a small portion of the cost of the score which goes towards helping run the program
- Earth Advantage Database – integrates with the MLS listings and enters the Home Energy reports into the listings
- It is important for City staff to reach out to other cities for some of the changes they have made to their programs (Portland, Milwaukee, Hillsboro)
- What authority does the City have? – this is fully within the jurisdiction of the City to update their residential code to impact the buying and selling process
- Are there learning opportunities on how the city staff will implement this?
- In Oregon, cities are considered Home Rule Municipalities

- Portland reached 65% compliance – now has enforcement
- Portland’s primary focus in the first year was education
- Have coordination between cities to establish consistency – that is the goal across the Country
- Cities can customize how they want to talk about carbon emissions, carbon impact, certain recommendations that come up they would include, information about utility incentives or when or if there is a revolving loan fund available in Bend – the City would be able to include that information and put it in the community-based resources to help people
- Home Inspectors can add this to their work skills and then add the process to their business
- Cities with suggestions to make the Home Energy Score program better do not require the home owners to make those changes before the transaction can be completed – they are just suggestions

4. Adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla M. Duddy
Deputy City Recorder