

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022, online and by phone.

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

Absent: Anne Birky (ex officio), Sasha Sulia (ex officio)

2. Approval of minutes from 1/6/2022 ECC Meeting

Member Welch moved to approve the January 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Member Buckley seconded the motion, the motion passed (8-0) (Member Isbell abstained).

3. Public Comment

James D. discussed House Bill (HB) 2004 and asked how City staff would deal with future conditional use permits for gas stations relying on fossil fuels.

4. Updates

Member Baungard presented updates on the following:

- Reach Code Advocacy
 - Submitted a letter of support for Senate Bill (SB) 1518
 - Councilor Goodman-Campbell testified at the committee hearing Monday, February 7, 2022

5. Core Area Tax Incentive Programs

Lynne McConnell, Housing Director, Allison Platt, Core Area Project Manager, and Amy Fraley, Affordable Housing Coordinator, presented the following slides on the Property Tax Exemption Programs:

- Council Goals – Housing and Prosperity
- Today – Overview
- Schedule
- Purpose of Work Group
- Why Tax Exemptions
- Bend Area Median Income (AMI) and Housing Affordability
- Considerations
- 30-Year Annual Tax Revenue
- February 7, 2022 Work Group Recap: What We Heard
- Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTTE)

- Program Requirements
- Taxing Districts Dollar Image
- Pros, Cons, and Notes
- Example Eligibility Criteria
- ECC Input
- Example Project – Industrial Use to Five Story Mixed Use in the Bend Central District (BDC)
- Example Project: Brooks Resources

Staff to return with more details and recommendations to the ECC at a future meeting.

6. Electric Vehicles (EV) Readiness Plan

Jeff Owen, HDR, Inc. Mobility Project Manager, Stacy Thomas, HDR, Inc. Stakeholder Outreach and Communications Lead, and Tyler Hopkins, HDR, Inc. EV Planning and Policy Specialist, presented the following slides on the Bend EV Readiness Plan:

- Bend EV Readiness Plan Team
- Presentation Topics
- Bend EV Readiness Plan: Purpose
- Bend EV Readiness Plan: Goals
- Today's Focus Items
- Stakeholder Interviews: Overview
- Stakeholder Interviews: Key Takeaways
 - Primary Barriers to EV Expansions
 - Primary Opportunities for EV Expansion
 - Key Factors Encouraging or Discouraging EV Use and Adoption
- Community Survey: Live Through March 11, 2022
- Existing Conditions: EV Overview
- Existing Conditions: Goals
- Growth Scenarios
- Growth Scenarios Graph Summary
- Needs Assessment: Where Are the Gaps?
- Next Steps
- Questions
- How to Contact Us

HDR, Inc. staff to return to share more information on the next phase and recommendations to the ECC at a future meeting.

7. Subgroup Reports

a. Home Energy Score

Member Goodwin presented the following updates on the Home Energy Score Subgroup:

- The subgroup met last week

- The subgroup will have a public meeting at the end of February – will be discussing on why a home energy score is important and to help with making a recommendation
- The subgroup will be bringing a recommendation to the ECC at the March meeting

b. 100% Renewable Electricity Strategy

Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst presented an update on the 100% Renewable Electricity Strategy Subgroup:

- Met with the Utility Department on the latest for a voluntary renewable energy Tara - essentially the main opportunity that the ECC has to make progress on 100% renewable electricity goal
- Have Pacific Power present to the ECC

c. Revolving Loan Fund

Member Baungard presented an update on the Revolving Loan Fund Subgroup:

- The Subgroup is starting to look into other models other municipalities and utilities have done around a revolving loan fund – trying to draw very clear boundaries of what the scope of what the ECC is considering
- The subgroup plans to refine the scope and bring back relevant information to the to the ECC

8. Bike Rack Process

Member Dietrich presented the Committee Topic Tracker.

9. Work Plan and Agenda Review

Lacy presented the following agenda items:

- February 2022
 - Core Area Tax Program
 - EV Readiness
- March 2022
 - 100% Renewable Electricity – Voluntary Renewable Energy Tariff
 - Home Energy Score
- April/May 2022
 - Revolving Loan Fund (April?)
 - EV Readiness Plan (May)

10. Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy City Recorder

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