

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

1. **Roll Call:** Bill Welch, Kavi Chokshi, Kellie Jensen, Kersey Goodwin, Mark Buckley, Neil Baunsgard, 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 4/14/2022 ECC Meeting

Member Welch moved to approve the April 14, 2022 meeting minutes. Member Isbell seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

## 3. Public Comment

No public comment.

## 4. Updates

Russ Grayson, Chief Operation Officer, presented the following slides on a Council Goal Update:

- Why the Update?
- Environment and Climate – Strategy: Implement the Community Climate Action Plan (Goal of reducing fossil fuel use by 40 % by 2030 and 70% by 2050)
- Environment and Climate – Strategy: Implement the City’s internal Strategic Energy Management Plan
- Environment and Climate – Strategy: Preserve Bend’s natural environment, including clean air and water, wildlife and trees, through partnerships and policy
- Environment and Climate – Strategy: Create wildfire and emergency resiliency plans that acknowledge our changing climate
- Transportation and Infrastructure – Strategy: Prioritize water utility investments and programs on water conservation, resource re-use and resource recovery

## 5. Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Plan Update and Feedback

Jeff Owen, HDR, Inc. Mobility Project Manager, Tyler Hopkins, HDR, Inc. EV Technical Planning Lead, and Jim Hanson, HDR, Inc. EV Planning and Policy Specialist, presented the following slides on the Bend EV Readiness Plan:

- Bend EV Readiness Plan: Team Structure
- Presentation Topic

- Bend EV Readiness Plan: Purpose
- Bend EV Readiness Plan: Goal Framework
- Stakeholder and Community Input
- Stakeholder and Community Input Key Themes
- Existing Conditions and Future Needs
- Draft Charging Sites: Methodology
- Draft Charging Sites Map
- Draft Recommended Actions: Promote EVs
- Draft Recommended Actions: Enable EVs
- Draft Recommended Actions: Deploy EVSE
- Questions

Members provided the following feedback:

- Would like to see more recommendations for workplace charging
- Would like policy solutions that can help reduce barriers to adoption
- Outreach strategy – think of a creative way of getting people into an EV
- Add roles and responsibilities to the scope of work
- Capacity opportunities and constraints need to be addressed in a plan – how to supply the equipment at an affordable cost
- Look into the maximum impact of the funding in terms of the Citywide Climate Action Plan (CCAP)
- Look into what other cities have done with rolling out charging stations

The committee is supportive of the ECC EV Readiness Working Group to work with City staff, HDR, Inc. staff and other organizations to review the recommendation and next steps.

## **6. Home Energy Score Work Plan**

Cassie Lacy, presented a staff report on the Home Energy Score Work Plan.

## **7. Climate Emergency Declaration**

Member Chokshi reported on the climate emergency and read an article.

Member Isbell suggested that the ECC recommends that Council declares are climate emergency during their next goal setting.

The committee is supportive of creating a working group to explore more information on a Climate Emergency Declaration.

Member Chokshi, Jensen and Goodwin volunteered to be on the Climate Emergency Declaration Working Group.

## **8. Letter to Council re: Climate Friendly and Equitable Rulemaking**

Member Isbell moved to approve the Climate Friendly and Equitable Rulemaking Letter to Council as written. Member Goodwin seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

## **9. Subgroup Reports**

Member Baungard presented an update on the REBuilding Task Force.

Member Buckley presented an update on the Revolving Loan Fund Subgroup.

## **10. Bike Rack**

## **11. Work Plan and Agenda Review**

Cassie Lacey, Senior Management Analyst, reviewed the following work plan and future agenda items:

- June 2022
  - Draft Home Energy Score Program
- Potential June 2022 Topics
  - Revolving Loan Fund Proposal
  - New CCAP Initiatives – Subgroup
  - Follow up: Climate Emergency Declaration
- Other Upcoming Topics
  - Local Renewable Energy Projects: Prineville Biomass
  - CCAP Initiatives – Food Outreach and education, revolving loan fund

The committee supported the following agenda items for the June ECC meeting:

- Draft Home Energy Score Program
- Revolving Loan Fund Proposal
- New CCAP Initiative Subgroups Discussion

The committee supports keeping the ECC meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Member Jensen left the meeting around 1:00 p.m.

## **12. Adjourned at 1:03 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kayla M. Duddy, CMC  
Deputy City Recorder