

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 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 6/14/2022 ECC Meeting

Member Isbell mentioned that the word Canyon was misspelled in item three of the June meeting minutes.

Member Dietrich moved to approve the June 14, 2022 meeting minutes. Member Buckley seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (9-0).

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Updates

Cassie Lacy presented an overview of the Advisory Board Stipend Pilot Program.

5. Home Energy Score Program Follow Up

Lacy presented follow up information on the following:

- Question and answers to the Home Energy Score questions
- Home Energy Score Subcommittee recommendation re: enforcement
- Webpage and public information
- Timeline

Member Chokshi and Dietrich presented an overview of the Home Energy Score Working Groups recommendations on enforcement.

Members provided the following feedback:

- Have an incentive that highlights the codes – there is value in having an incentive
- There is a limit on how much is put into the code – the goal is to have as much compliance as possible so that the Home Energy Score is as valuable tool
- Monitor compliance then use tools for those not in compliance

- The goal is to not to use enforcement – use education to show the importance of the program
- The focus should be on community education and working with the Central Oregon Realtor’s Association on how to move forward
- The 15 days should start when the letter is sent and provides notice to the seller
- The City should focus on the productive benefits that the program will have – promote to encourage and subsidize additional investments – more homes would have a higher score
- This could be a tool for the revolving loan fund to prioritize properties that should be eligible based on the score
- Have a companion program for renters
- House turnover can work towards future goals around rental property disclosures without requiring it from the beginning – this could be a data set that the City could build upon
- Get input from other communities – not limiting conversations
- Construction conversations have not worked with the real estate agents – the committee needs to be clear on which conversation there are having
- Expand on the FAQ’s to get to the program information faster – expand on other things the Home Energy Score looks at
- Once real estate agents know more about the program they will be more receptive
- Share examples to show the value of the score – compare to cars
- Post examples of what a Home Energy Score looks like – examples from other cities

6. Natural Gas Strategies and Natural Gas Franchise Agreement

Member Welch and Baungsgard presented the following slides on Natural Gas opportunities in the Bend Climate Action Plan:

- What Does Natural Gas Need to Be Addressed in the CCAP?
- Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)
- Electrification
- Impact of Electrification
- Examples of Electrification Strategies
- What Path Should Bend Take?

Members provided the following feedback:

- Next steps and strategies, with other actions, are key for the committee to consider – connection to Home Energy Score or other opportunities
- Consider the transition of the work and how it would be effective
- This is something the City Utilities Department and Utility Regulation Board needs to plan for – do the research that is necessary

7. Working Groups

Member Dietrich provided an overview of the Outreach Food Waste Prevention Program and Multi-Family Recycling Program Working Groups.

Members Buckley, Chokshi and Dietrich volunteered for the Outreach Food Waste Prevention Program Working Group.

Member Jensen, Chokshi and Baunsgard volunteered for the Multi-Family Recycling Program Working Group.

Member Chokshi commented on making the Multi-Family Recycling Program Working Group a priority if he cannot participate in both working groups.

8. Bike Rack

Not discussed due to time.

9. Work Plan and Agenda Review

Lacy reviewed the following work plan and future agendas:

- August 2022
 - Home Energy Score Update
- Potential Topics: August 2022
 - Working Groups
 - CFEC Updates
- September 2022
 - Updates:
 - REBuilding Task Force
 - Electric Vehicle (EV) Readiness Workshops
 - New Working Groups

Members agree to add the following items for the August meeting agenda:

- Citywide Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Update
- Climate Emergency Declaration Updates
- EV Readiness

Member Dietrich recommended sharing a screenshot of the current ECC working groups and who is on them.

10. Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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