

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 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:** Kersey Goodwin, Anne Birky (ex officio)

## 2. Approval of minutes from 09/08/2022 ECC Meeting

Member Welch moved to approve the September 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Member Isbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

## 3. Public Comment

Morgan Greenwood made a comment related to the Home Energy Score Program on behalf of the Central Oregon Builders Association.

## 4. Staff Updates

Lacy provided the following updates:

- October 19 Council Quarterly Update
- An invitation to the Utility Public Advisory Group for an ECC liaison. Member Buckley volunteered to participate.
- An invitation to a Planning Commission Work Session

## 5. Electric Vehicles Readiness Plan

Consultant team from HDR presented an overview of the final Bend Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan. The presentation included a review of:

- The project purpose and goals
- Stakeholder and community engagement
- Needs assessment
- Equity in electrification
- Charging infrastructure siting
- Recommended actions: Promote EV's
- Recommended actions: Enable EV's
- Recommended actions: Deploy EVSE
- Implementation Strategy

## 6. Home Energy Score Recommendation

The Home Energy Score subgroup recommended that the Environment and Climate Committee recommend the Home Energy Score Program as proposed in the Program Details document. The Program Details document had been updated since the ECC reviewed it last to include the following additions, as recommended by the subgroup:

- The desire for the low-income program to be structured to make it as easy as possible for the homeowner and the real estate broker. If possible, the City should directly pay the assessor for the low-income program, rather than the City issuing grants to reimburse the homeowner. If the City cannot pay the assessor directly, the City should work with a trusted third party to manage the reimbursements, with whom the real estate brokers are already working.
- The City will provide good resources and information to make complying with the Home Energy Score Program as easy as possible.
- The initial notification of non-compliance with the Home Energy Score program should be focused on providing resources and education to encourage and support the homeowner in obtaining a Home Energy Score, rather than being punitive in tone.
- Steps should be taken to make the program as efficient as possible, such as investigating options for automating the reviewing of listings.

The Committee discussed the recommended and decided to move forward with recommending the Home Energy Score Program.

Member Welch moved to recommend to the Council the proposed home energy score and program details document in substantially the form as presented to the Environment and Climate Committee. Member Dietrich seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (8-0).

## 7. Working Group updates

Lacy presented the following items for upcoming agendas:

- November 2022
  - Hauled Wastes Alternatives Analysis
  - Council Goal Input Discussion
- December 2022
  - Council Goal Input Discussion
  - Chair and Vice-Chair Election Prep

Committee members also raised the following items to consider for upcoming agendas in early 2023:

- Orientation for new members
- Update on the Community Climate Action Plan Progress
- Update on City Operations and Facilities Climate Action Plan

**8. Agenda Review**

**9. Adjourned at 1:02 P.M**

Respectfully Submitted,

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