

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:04 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

- 1. Roll Call:** Kavi Chokshi, Kellie Jensen (present virtually), Kersey Goodwin, Mark Buckley, Lauren Fraser (present virtually), Neil Baunsgard, Rory Isbell, Serena Dietrich, Smita Mehta, Jackie Mueller (ex officio), Anne Birky (ex officio)

**Absent:** Kersey Goodwin (excused), Mark Buckley (excused), Jackie Mueller (ex officio), Anne Birky (ex officio)

## **2. Approval of Minutes from 1/12/2023 ECC Meeting**

Vice Chair Chokshi noted the minutes as written stated he had volunteered for the natural gas working group, which he had not, and requested the minutes be reflected to amend that.

Vice Chair Chokshi moved to approve the January 12, 2023 amended meeting minutes. Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-0)

## **3. Public Comment**

No public comment was submitted.

## **4. Staff Updates**

Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst, provided the following updates:

- New Committee members: Jeff Rodgers and Andrew Calise were appointed at the February 1, 2023 Council meeting and will join the Committee on March 3, 2023
- Andrew Calise, in attendance as a guest, introduced himself to the group.
- New Council Liaison: Councilor Megan Norris introduced herself to the group.
- Member Kersey Goodwin had resigned from the ECC that morning. Lacy briefly explained the process to fill the vacancy.
- City staff were working on a tree code update, which would be presented at the March 15 Council work session in order to get direction from Council. Lacy noted she had informed that team the ECC and other committees would like an opportunity to provide input on the tree code.

## **5. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Update**

Lacy provided an overview of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions goals. Claudia Denton, Good Company/Parametrix, presented the following slides:

- City of Bend 2021 Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Presentation Overview
- GHG Inventory 101
  - What is a greenhouse gas inventory?
  - One MT CO<sub>2</sub>e is equal to any one of the following\*
  - Climate Action Planning
- Project Background
  - City of Bend Climate Targets
- Bend's Emissions Sources
  - Local (Sector-based) Emissions
  - Imported Emissions
- Summary of Findings
  - 2021 Community GHG Inventory
- Local Emissions
  - Building Energy
  - Transportation
- Imported Emissions
  - Consumption of Goods, Food, & Air Travel
  - 2016 GHG Inventory Comparison
- 2016 GHG Inventory Updates and Comparison
  - 2016 GHG Inventory Updates
  - Building Energy Changes
  - Transportation Energy Changes
- Bend's Emission Forecast to 2050
- Questions

Committee members asked questions about where electricity was accounted for on the slides, continued carbon sink over time, food waste, local emissions versus consumption, data sources, COVID impact, and emissions from transportation, tourism, household food and goods. Denton and Lacy provided additional insight as needed. Members and Denton further discussed data limitations and methodology.

Lacy asked members to send follow-up questions to her via email.

The Committee took a brief lunch break from 12:26 to 12:30 p.m.

## **6. Work Planning**

Lacy introduced the work planning discussion and presented the following slides:

- Overall Timeline
- Detailed Prioritization Timeline (March-May 2023)

Lacy clarified the Council goal setting process and answered members' questions around funding and staffing to support the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP). Mary Winters, City Attorney, provided additional information.

The Committee generally agreed to work on reprioritization first and advancing existing CCAP priorities. Lacy agreed to come back to the Committee in March with a proposal for the reprioritization, so the group could conduct the reprioritization process at the April meeting.

Lacy explained she anticipated presenting a CCAP progress report for the Committee in March and noted the ECC would have a discussion around that progress at the March meeting.

Member Isbell asked if there was an update on making sure the ECC is aware of financial opportunities as they arise, specifically around the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Lacy explained nothing specific was available yet other than Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding, which is broader, and added the City was waiting for more information regarding the Carbon Reduction Fund.

After some discussion, members agreed to defer the formation of subcommittees until after the reprioritization process.

## **7. Updates**

- a. Chair Baunsgard reported the City submitted testimony and Councilor Broadman testified for an e-bike rebate bill at the state level the day before this meeting.

## **8. Agenda Review**

Lacy updated the committee on the following upcoming agenda items:

- March 2023:
  - Reprioritization Process Review
  - CCAP Progress Report
  - Waste & Materials Working Group Recommendation
- April 2023:
  - Reprioritization exercise
  - Follow-up from previous topics
- May 2023:
  - Finalize reprioritization
  - Establish work approach

## **9. Adjourned at 1:01 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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