

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:05 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

- 1. Roll Call:** Andrew Calise, Jeff Rodgers (present virtually), Kavi Chokshi, Kellie Jensen (present virtually), Lauren Fraser, Mark Buckley, Neil Baunsgard, Rory Isbell (present virtually), Serena Dietrich, Smita Mehta, Jackie Mueller (ex officio), Sasha Sulia (ex officio, present virtually)

Absent: Jackie Mueller (ex officio, excused)

New members Jeff Rodgers and Andrew Calise introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2023 ECC Meeting

Member Mehta moved to approve the February 9, 2023 meeting minutes. Member Dietrich seconded the motion. **Voice Vote** – Chair Baunsgard, Vice Chair Chokshi, Members Fraser, Mehta, Dietrich, Isbell, Jensen Yes 7 No 0 (Members Buckley, Calise, Rodgers abstained)

3. Public Comment

No public comment was submitted.

4. Staff Updates

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

- A. **Committee Recruitment**
ECC is down one member. The City will recruit in April; Lacy stated she is hoping an alternate will be appointed as well.
- B. **Natural Gas Pipeline Expansion**
Lacy reminded the Committee they made a recommendation to Council in January to sign a letter opposing the natural gas pipeline expansion and supporting the position of the Attorneys General of Washington, Oregon, and California. Ultimately Council declined to take action due to a lack of capacity and sufficient information to move forward.

5. Waste and Materials Working Group Recommendation

Vice-Chair Chokshi declared a potential conflict of interest due to his employment with The Environmental Center. Vice-Chair Chokshi recused himself and left the dais.

Chair Baunsgard declared a potential conflict of interest due to his employment with The Environmental Center. Chair Baunsgard recused himself and left the dais.

Member Calise disclosed his employer, Honeywell Building Technologies, makes technology that could be related to the agenda item but did not recuse himself. Lacy clarified the proposal was related to an educational program rather than technology.

Lacy provided an overview of the work the Waste and Materials Working Group has been doing related to Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) commitments to expanding outreach and education. Lacy presented the following slide:

- Waste & Materials Recommendation

Waste and Materials Working Group members Dietrich and Jensen explained in more detail the group's work and their reasoning behind this recommendation.

Lindsey Hardy, Energy & Waste Programs Director at The Environmental Center, presented the following slides:

- Rethink Waste Community Innovation Fund
- Overview for Today
- Community Innovation Fund Through the Years / Rethink Waste Pilot Projects
- Next Iteration of the Community Innovation Fund
- Deschutes County Solid Waste / Visit Central Oregon
- Parameters for City of Bend
- Proposed Program Expansion
- Timeline

Members discussed waste streams and this program's targeting of recycling in multi-family residences and food waste diversion, contamination versus diversion, project completion timelines, budget, strategy and policy development, metrics for success, and other potential uses for the funding.

Member Buckley moved to recommend that the City sponsors the Community Innovation Fund at \$41,965 according to the scope included in The Environmental Center's proposal. Member Fraser seconded. **Voice Vote** – Members Fraser, Buckley, Calise, Mehta, Dietrich, Isbell, Jensen, Rodgers. Yes 8 No 0 (Chair Baunsgard and Vice Chair Chokshi abstained)

6. CCAP Progress Report

Chair Baunsgard and Vice Chair Chokshi returned to the meeting.

Lacy explained the purpose of this agenda item and presented the following slides:

- CCAP Progress Report
- CCAP Action Status Summary
- Energy Supply – ES1 and ES2
- Energy Supply: ES3: Expand distributed commercial and residential solar PV
- Energy Supply – ES4 & ES5
- Energy in Buildings – EB1: Support policies that increase the energy efficiency of buildings
- Energy in Buildings: Strategy EB2 – Improve uptake of voluntary energy efficiency projects in buildings
- Energy in Buildings: Strategy EB3 – Implement benchmarking and disclosure programs for energy performance and Strategy EB4
- Transportation – Strategy T1 and T2
- Transportation: Strategy T3 – Increase transit ridership
- Transportation: Strategy T4 & T5
- Waste & Materials – Strategy W1 – Improve non-food waste recovery
- Waste & Materials – Strategy W2 & W3
- Waste & Materials – W4 & W6
- Waste & Materials – Strategy W5 – Develop outreach and education materials for reducing consumption
- Actions Not Started/On Hold
- CCAP Report

Lacy also displayed the Bend Community Climate Action Plan Progress Report site, which is currently in development.

Assistant City Attorney Ian Leitheiser provided insight into the Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) eligibility.

Member Buckley asked about the legislative session. Lacy noted it was early and bills had not yet been introduced.

7. Discuss Prioritization Process

Chair Baunsgard provided an overview of the options for advancing CCAP in the 2023-2025 biennium. Lacy displayed the following slide:

- Next Steps for Advancing CCAP in 2023-2025

Lacy explained how the ECC conducted its prioritization exercise two years ago. Of the two options under consideration now, Lacy noted Option 2 was less structured.

Committee members provided feedback on the options and discussed the last biennium's prioritization process. Lacy offered to share the recording of the meeting where working group members reported back during that process.

Member Isbell stated a preference for Option 2; Vice-Chair Chokshi agreed. Lacy said the biggest risk to Option 2 was that it would be easy to stay in fact-finding mode for a long time. Member Dietrich suggested setting timetables for each group. Member Buckley supported that option. Chair Baunsgard stated Option 2 limits the committee's work to be focused in one area, but there is expertise in the group that bridges multiple areas. Member Jensen supported Option 2 as well.

Member Buckley stated Option 1 would essentially be a lot of people getting a shallow understanding, but Option 2 would let the Committee get a little deeper to understand what can actually be accomplished.

Members discussed the possibility of working groups prioritizing within their meetings, rather than bringing items back to the full Committee to prioritize.

Members generally agreed to go with Option 2. Chair Baunsgard committed to surveying members regarding their interest area(s).

8. Agenda Review

Lacy updated the committee on the following upcoming agenda items:

- April 2023
 - Follow-up from March Meeting
 - Reprioritization Exercise OR Next Steps for Dividing Into Working Groups
 - Legislative Update
 - City CCAP Progress Report
- May 2023
 - Follow-up from Previous Topics
 - Establish Work Approach
- June 2023
 - TBD

9. Adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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