

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Committee (ECC) was called to order at 11:03 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2023, in the City Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

- 1. Roll Call:** Andrew Calise, Kavi Chokshi, Kellie Jensen (present virtually, joined at 11:22 a.m.), Lauren Fraser, Mark Buckley, Neil Baunsgard, Rory Isbell, Serena Dietrich (present virtually), Smita Mehta (present virtually), Jackie Mueller (ex officio), Sasha Sulia (ex officio)

Absent: Neil Baunsgard (excused), Jackie Mueller (ex officio), Sasha Sulia (ex officio)

2. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2023 ECC Meeting

Member Fraser moved to approve the May 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Member Isbell seconded the motion. **Voice Vote** – Vice Chair Chokshi, Members Buckley, Dietrich, Fraser, Isbell, Mehta Yes 6 No 0 (Member Calise abstained)

3. Public Comment

No public comment was submitted.

4. Staff Updates

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

- Member Rodgers had resigned due to unforeseen time conflicts.
- Committee recruitment: City Council appointed Laura Tabor and Alex Cerussi to the ECC and appointed Kristi Kimball as an alternate member.
- This was Lacy's last meeting for a few months; she will be back for the October ECC meeting. Lacy explained Senior Management Analyst Cate Schneider will be the ECC staff liaison during her absence and asked members to include Schneider on all working group meeting invitations.

5. Transportation Working Group Discussion

Member Isbell explained the Transportation Working Group's work to date and noted the group met with Cascades East Transit (CET) to discuss CCAP Strategy T3, Increase Transit Ridership. Member Isbell said reducing GHG emissions is interesting work for the ECC.

Member Buckley added the group is working to kick off the discussion around where the committee can add value. Member Buckley will be a member of the Transportation Utility Fee ad hoc committee, where participants will be commenting on items within the transportation system plan (TSP). Member Buckley said he will be looking for opportunities for ECC to comment

on it but also potentially to help with analysis around policy efforts. Member Buckley asked the group to discuss areas for potential effort.

Members and staff discussed electric vehicle (EV) readiness in depth. Member Buckley stated that since there is momentum in that area already, the Transportation Working Group can focus its efforts on other transportation actions.

Following additional questions about EV charging station procurement and installation and grants associated with that process, Lacy discussed the anticipated timeline and said it would be good to have input from the Transportation Working Group in the fall.

Member Fraser asked if ECC assistance is needed to spur the education and outreach component of EV readiness; Lacy said it would be good to have ECC support of that objective.

Member Isbell noted the transportation utility fee funding allocation process would be important for prioritizing complete streets and bike/pedestrian policies from the TSP and explained Member Buckley is on the transportation utility fee ad hoc committee.

Following a question from Vice Chair Chokshi, members discussed ride sharing and, specifically, ride shares to Mt. Bachelor. Member Isbell pointed out the plan for mobility hubs and said other entities are working on ride sharing.

Member Dietrich left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

The Committee took a break for lunch from 12:00 to 1:03 p.m.

6. Climate Friendly Areas

Rankin provided an overview of the Growth Management Organization's Climate Friendly Area (CFA) study. Rankin presented the following slide:

- Climate Friendly Areas Update

Senior Planner Jennifer Knapp presented the following slides:

- What is a Climate Friendly Area?
- Equity Based Engagement
- CFA Sizing Based on CFEC Rules
- CFA Sizing and Location Examples

Rankin presented the following slides:

- Where should a CFA go?
- CFA Work Map – Connectivity
- CFA Work Map – Opportunity
- CFA Work Map – Anti-Displacement Analysis

Knapp presented the following slides:

- CFA Timeline
- Next Steps
- Questions

Knapp asked members to determine how they would like the Committee to be involved. Rankin provided additional insight into the study methodology, which includes the ECC's feedback.

Member Isbell noted the easy solution would seem to be looking at areas of the city that are already close to meeting the requirements of a CFA but stressed the importance of not just targeting those areas, but to also look at transitioning other areas of town to CFAs where those do not currently exist.

Member Chokshi asked if mobility hub placement had been taken into consideration; Knapp explained staff had met with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Advisory Committee, and that group is ready to support with mobility hubs wherever a CFA ends up being designated. Rankin added mobility hubs are general, not specific, and can move according to opportunity.

Senior Planner Damian Syrnyk presented the following slides:

- Stevens Road Tract
- Alternative 3

Lacy asked Syrnyk and Rankin to work with Schneider.

7. Tree Code Update Goals Discussion

Vice Chair Chokshi noted he and Member Isbell had applied for the Tree Regulation Update Advisory Committee (TRUAC), and those seats had not yet been appointed.

Lacy asked for big-picture thoughts and goals around the tree code and said the intention was that the appointee would take those into the TRUAC meetings as the ECC's focus. Lacy noted Senior Planner Pauline Hardie, who is serving as Staff Liaison to TRUAC, would provide an update to the ECC in August, after TRUAC began meeting.

Members shared the following goals for the tree code:

- Intersection between CFAs and trees/green space (Vice Chair Chokshi)
- Funding for increasing and managing the stock of trees. Look at using stormwater revenues or consider the European model where, once trees are going to die, they are harvested as micro-local timber, creating a potential revenue source. Consider code components that would be more conducive to potential revenue requirements to make tree investments (Member Buckley)
- Agrees the desired outcome is more tree cover, to the extent we can limit additional regulation. Find a balance between tree preservation and the requirements that encumber real estate developers (Member Calise)

- Trees to reduce air conditioning use; appropriate fire setbacks; ensure trees are present on walking/biking routes (Member Mehta)
- Consider the disparities throughout the city with the current canopy and tailor code to address it. Work hand-in-hand with street tree and stormwater provisions. Keep more trees in the city, but only to the extent we can continue developing in a smart, climate-friendly way that provides denser mixed-use areas (Member Isbell)

8. Agenda Review

Lacy updated the committee on the following upcoming agenda items:

- July 2023
 - NO MEETING
- August 2023
 - Waste and Materials Working Group Discussion
 - Tree Code Update
 - Bike Rack
- September 2023
 - Energy Working Group Discussion

Members agreed to move Bike Rack to September.

9. Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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