

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday September 12th, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

115 N 3rd Street

The Sustainability Committee met Monday, September 12th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
In the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Comm Mel Cozzi
 Steve Rypkema
 Vic Zaderej
 Russell Brunner
 Tim Benedict
 Also, Present Darin DeHaan, City Administrator

Absent:

10:00 A.M. Meeting was called to order.

Public Comment:

Darin Shared a public comment from a citizen who expressed her happiness that Oregon has formed both the Sustainability Committee as well as the Tree Board. Darin thanked the members who were all present.

Approved Minutes from Aug 8th Meeting, Motion: Mel, Seconded by Steve

Other Business:

OHS Greenhouse Project: Vic gave an update on OHS Greenhouse. David Merrill who is putting in solar. All solar panels are up in front of the building. Batteries are in and electronics mounted. Just need to hook up solar to board. 6-7 hours of work. New floor steps all done. Landscaping is being completed. Received the ARPA funds from the City. How do we promote this?

Darin brought the group up to speed on several ground solar projects that may happen near and in Oregon. Tim and Russell discussed the plants that could be used as well as integrating bees into the projects. Tim asked Darin to see where the solar company gets their panels as there is some concerns about panels from China and pollutants.

Discussed a recycling program for downtown. Darin shared an Instagram reel from WASH Salon how she recycles. Mel was going to touch base with Megan. Tim discussed creating a decal to recognize green businesses. He suggested Eco Oregon. Darin suggested shades of green for the decal depending on what the business was doing. Steve discussed the complexities of business recycling programs for Oregon. He volunteered to review the city's garbage contract.

Adjourn: 11:06 A.M. Motion Steve, Mel Second

Mel Cozzi

Attest: _____
Darin DeHaan, City Administrator