

City of Oregon  
Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9 am.

**Present:** Tim Benedict, Melanie Cozzi, Darin DeHaan, Gabrielle Gamily, Cheryl Hilton, Lauren Kleve, and Steve Rypkema.

**Absent:** Russell Brunner and Vic Zaderej.

**Present via Zoom:** Kurt Wilson.

Meeting called to order at 9:03.

No public comment.

Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes, Seconded by Steve Rypkema.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Gabrielle Gamily and Lauren Kleve from Region 1 Planning discussed the Sustainability Plan Process with the committee. They asked the committee to consider what this will mean to the community. Melanie Cozzi said the city is surrounded by natural resources. She stated the growth of the community is important while maintaining our natural resources. Gabrielle Gamily recommended the committee focus on four or five key sectors and identify things to accomplish from each of these. Steve Rypkema said he would like the local businesses to also be involved, some already are such as W@sh Hair Salon. The group discussed water quality testing, green activities, education, community outreach, volunteer efforts, and incentives for residents. The next steps for the sustainability plan will include creating an outline for the structure of the plan, begin collecting data, and a timeline.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 am.

Submitted by: City Clerk Cheryl Hilton