

City of Oregon
Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Monday August 12th, 2024, at 9 am.

Present: Tim Benedict, Melanie Cozzi, Darin DeHaan, Cheryl Hilton, Joyce Lewis, Steve Rypkema, and Vic Zaderej.

Absent: Russell Brunner.

Present via Zoom: Lauren Kleve.

Meeting called to order at 9:00.

No public comment.

Steve Rypkema moved to approve the May 13th, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Tim Benedict.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Steve Rypkema moved to approve the June 10th, 2024, minutes, Seconded by Tim Benedict.

Motion carried. No Nays.

The committee went over the Implementation Matrix for the Sustainability Plan. They discussed sharing the draft sustainability plan with other agencies that would be involved. They also discussed how the educational period of the plan would be ongoing, bringing back the energy fair, and creating workshops for community education. Lauren Kleve thought an online informational hub would be beneficial to residents. Lauren asked the committee to review and submit any suggestions to her by the end of the week. She said the public comment period will be from August 26th to September 9th. An open house will be held on September 4th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall. Region One Planning will present the plan and hold a question-and-answer period after. The committee's next meeting will be September 9th at 9 a.m. at City Hall.

Steve Rypkema said he was approached by the AOP committee and was asked if the committee would be willing to help with recycling efforts. The Solid Waste Department would provide the containers, but the committee would need to distribute and tend to the containers during the festival. The committee seemed open to the idea.

Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m., Seconded by Tim Benedict.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton