

City of Oregon
Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Monday, January 13th, 2025, at 9 am.

Present: Tim Benedict, Darin DeHaan, Joyce Lewis, Tom Pacey, Steve Rypkema, and Vic Zaderej.

Present via Zoom: Melanie Cozzi

Meeting called to order at 9:02.

No public comment.

Melanie Cozzi moved to approve December 9th, 2024 minutes.

Motion carried. No Nays.

The committee discussed creating an overview for the upcoming Lunch and Learn. City Manager Darin DeHaan has reached out to representatives from Nicor and ComEd. They also discussed a possible presentation from a solar company. They discussed location, date, educational materials, programs, and incentives available, and how to advertise the upcoming meeting. The Lunch and Learn will be held on Monday March 10th, from 12-1pm.

City Manager Darin DeHaan said he is starting to build out the city sustainability website and will include links to educational materials there.

The committee discussed a second educational event which includes growing your own food/micro greens. Tasks were assigned to each member of the committee.

Joyce discussed an upcoming class being held at the end of February at the Ogle County Health Department on growing micro greens. This class is being funded by a grant the Health Department received. She also talked about how the Health Department is educating people on growing their own food.

Tim Benedict and Melanie Cozzi have been working on Eco Oregon.

A future Sustainability meeting will be held at Happy Leaf.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton