

City of Oregon
Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Monday June 16th, 2025, at 9 am.

Present: Tim Benedict, Melanie Cozzi, Darin DeHaan, Tom Pacey, Steve Rypkema, and Vic Zaderej.

Absent: Joyce Lewis.

Meeting called to order at 9:00.

No public comment.

Steve Rypkema moved to approve May 13th, 2025 minutes, Seconded by Tom Pacey.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Melanie Cozzi provided an update on the River Clean Up Subcommittee. This is an item on the Sustainability Plan. She said they have created an action check-off list. They plan to hold the river clean up on September 6th with a rain out date of September 13th. There are multiple groups of volunteers that have been involved in the past that they are hoping will continue to participate. They plan to work above and below the dam if resources are available. City Manager Darin DeHaan said city liability insurance coverage is available within city limits. Steve said he would like to see someone with the fire department or sheriffs department on the water for safety reasons. They discussed other options of liability coverage for the event. They also discussed downsizing the event to make it more manageable.

Melanie Cozzi said Paul Cooney was at the last City Council meeting and did a presentation on recycling. She gave a brief synopsis of his visit to the Plainfield recycling center. The committee discussed recycling, available grants, educating residents, and a community informational mailer. The committee also discussed Eco Oregon and recognizing sustainability efforts from local businesses.

The next meeting will be held July 14th, 2025 at 9 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton