

Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee
City of Oregon
Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday January 12th, 2026, 9:00 am – 10:00 am

City Hall Conference Room
115 N. 3rd Street, Oregon, IL 61061

Public Access to Zoom Meeting

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1. Public Comment
2. Approve December 15th, 2025, Minutes
3. Discuss Eco Oregon
4. Adjourn

Committee Members

Melanie Cozzi, Tim Benedict,
Joyce Lewis, Tom Pacey, Steve Rypkema, Vic Zaderej
Ex. Officio Member Darin DeHaan, City Manager

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The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Tuesday December 15th, 2025, at 9 am.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00.

No public comment.

Steve Rypkema moved to approve November 12th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Tom Pacey.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Eco Oregon: Tom Pacey provided the committee with an outline of categories as a starting point for the Eco Oregon program. They discussed keeping an open format to allow business owners to add to the list and encourage each other to share ideas. Each member of the committee will continue to review the outline and communicate via email any changes, finalizing the program at the next meeting. They also discussed incentives, such as façade grants, to help incentivize businesses to look at sustainable practices. Members of the committee will be reaching out to local entities already participating in sustainable practices, such as SuperValu, Hazel's, The Dollhouse, and the United Methodist Church.

New Business: Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation is willing to help with the creation of the pollinator green space. Nachusa has committed to donating native seeds to help with the project. The committee discussed the chemical application process and burn offs needed to prepare the space.

Tim Benedict reminded the committee of the upcoming conference the 28th through the 30th of January 2026.

Melanie Cozzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m., Seconded by Tim Benedict.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton