

City of Oregon
Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Monday April 13th, 2026, at 9 am.

Present: Melanie Cozzi, Darin DeHaan, Cheryl Hilton, Tom Pacey, and Vic Zaderej.

Meeting called to order at 9:00.

No public comment.

Eco Oregon: Held discussion on different logo variations and decided on a percent-based approach to tier level thresholds. Ten percent for bronze, fifty percent for silver, and eighty percent for gold dependent on what is applicable for each individual business and their ability to achieve each tier. Melanie will reach out to Megan at the Dollhouse Salon for an interview and photos. Darin will begin building out the application on the website.

2nd Street Native Plants: The project will be pushed out to 2027. Darin will begin research for grants and creating a budget. Melanie stated she would work on a visual concept and getting quotes for plants. The committee will also need to create a list of plants varieties to be planted and begin reaching out to volunteers. Tom will be reaching out to Ken Kielsmeier and Austin Webb to let them know of the updated timeline.

Rock River Clean-Up: Melanie will begin discussions with Etnyre and White Pelican to secure volunteers. Event is scheduled for September 5th 2026. Tom suggested reaching out to the Lions Club and Rotary for volunteers. The committee will also reach out to the Oregon Park District and Butitta Brothers.

OCSWC Rain Barrels: The city is partnering with Ogle County Soil and Water for pickup of rain barrels. Pickup will be at the Oregon Street department located at 402 S. 1st Street from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Tom Pacey moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m., Seconded by Vic Zaderej.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton