

City of Oregon
Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Monday June 8th, 2026, 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 amend the minutes of March 9th, 2026, Seconded by Tom Pacey.

Discussion: Steve Rypkema's name was not listed as present.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Tom Pacey moved to approve the minutes of March 9th, 2026 as amended, Seconded by Steve Rypkema.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Tom Pacey moved to approve the minutes of April 13th, 2026, Seconded by Viz Zaderej.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Eco Oregon: The committee discussed ordering window clings with the updated logo in a couple different sizes with the white background. They confirmed the tier levels and recognition for each tier. Bronze level will receive a window cling as well as recognition on the city website, city newsletter, social media post, LED sign located at Sarah Phelps, and recognition at a City Council meeting. Silver level will receive all the recognition as bronze level with the addition of a certificate. Gold level will receive recognition from previous levels as well as a plaque. Darin will need a couple days to get the website prepared. Mel and Tim will meet with a local business owner to help complete the application as a kick start to the program. The committee will review the application at the July meeting. They also discussed sustainable practices the city has already accomplished at city owned properties.

2nd Street Native Plants: Mel reached out to Prairie Moon regarding seeds. She said seeds to cover an acre of land will cost between three hundred dollars to two thousand five hundred dollars. A rendering of the committee's vision will need to be made. Darin said he expects to be notified in July about the grant he applied for. The committee discussed preparation and maintenance of the property. The project will need to be citizen or volunteer led. Mel said there are a lot of volunteers interested in restoration projects. The committee also agreed to reach out to Austin and Ken for guidance. A public meeting will be held to discuss plan of action at the project site.

Rock River Clean-Up: Event will be held on September 12th from 8am to 1pm. The rain date is scheduled for September 19th from 8am to 1pm. The committee discussed reaching out to entities that helped with last year's event and starting to advertise early.

OCSWC Rain Barrels: Sold forty rain barrels.

Steve Rypkema moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m., Seconded by Joyce Lewis.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton