

Conservation and Climate Outreach Committee

An action on all members of the Commission in August 2020 was to summarize their proposed/preferred projects and how they link to Ashland's CEAP, the rebuild post COVID-19 and building economic resilience.

These will be discussed at September 2020 meeting.

Projects identified and how they links

- 1) Single Use Items – to revisit previous efforts through the lens of COVID-19 and Fires and to develop a strategy/umbrella for all the avenues that could help reduce single use items and help alternatives be available through projects e.g. Rogue to Go and education and Outreach.
 - a. Develop a package of alternatives
 - b. Develop an ordinance as has been developed in other Oregon cities
 - c. Develop a framework/strategy as per progressive cities/countries worldwide

This has a direct relationship with the climate crisis we are facing. This specifically relates to CEAP and Ashland's goals to reduce consumption. There are economic opportunities in new business models and businesses providing more sustainable alternatives being based in Ashland. This potentially reduces costs on food service industry. Single use through COVID has been significant discussion and safety around plastic disposable items versus reusable items. We need to understand views and carry out outreach to find a solution for everyone.

- 2) Biking and cycling infrastructure – is there a role of the CCOC to collate the various ambitions around mountain biking industry, cycling infrastructure and carry out outreach to understand views on how this can support the economy and help build economic resilience. This specifically relates to the Transport section of CEAP and economic resilience.
- 3) Climate change resilience. In response to COVID-19 and Wildfires, both of which have had a significant impact on our community, we can help build resilience through outreach and education on fire resistance of homes, towns and forests as well as agricultural practices and local food systems.
- 4) CPC and CCOC Chairs and Vice Chairs agreed that there would be value presenting and discussing CEAP and both climate change mitigation and adaptation at all committees to help with integration across the city in addressing climate change and sustainability.
- 5) Water Conservation including education, storm drain collection. We have demands e.g. fire risk and then reduced availability from climate impacts e.g. reduced snowpack, reduced precipitation, ongoing droughts
- 6) To look at pre- and post-consumer compost services for commercial and residential citizens. Talent could potentially partner to reduce costs. Relates specifically to consumption in CEAP and reducing greenhouse gas emissions with less biodegradable waste going to landfill and being transported to landfill. This could potentially create local product rather than waste.