

# ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Meeting Agenda

**April 26, 2017 – 6:00 PM**

Community Development Building, Siskiyou Room  
51 Winburn Way

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Consent Agenda**
  - 2.1.** Minutes March 22, 2017 Commission meeting
- 3. Announcements** (15 min)
  - 3.1.** Next Regular Meeting: June 28, 2017
  - 3.2.** Upcoming Sub-committee meeting
  - 3.3.** Other Announcements from Commissioners
- 4. Public Forum** (10 min to be evenly divided by public wishing to speak)
- 5. Reports / Presentations/Updates** (25 min)
  - 5.1.** Recology Update (5 min)
  - 5.2.** Council Update- Councilor Rosenthal (5 min)
  - 5.3.** City Conservation Programs and Operations – Hanks (5 min)
  - 5.4.** Water Subcommittee Update – Weir (10 min)
- 6. Old Business** (60 min)
  - 6.1.** Commission Monthly Column in Sneak Preview (5 min)
    - May – Low Impact Living Classes (already submitted)
    - June – Water related article (Cruickshank)
  - 6.3.** Conservation Commission – Powers/Duties Discussion (55 min)
- 7. New Business** (10 min)
  - 7.1.** Commission Member Attendance/Membership
- 8. Wrap Up** (5 min)
  - 8.1** Items to be added to next agenda

**MINUTES FOR THE ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**  
**Siskiyou Room, 51 Winburn Way**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Bryan Sohl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Jamie Rosenthal, David Sommer, Roxane Beigel-Coryell, Risa Buck and Cara Cruikshank were present. Staff member Adam Hanks was present. Commissioner Mark Weir was late. Council liaison Rich Rosenthal, commissioners Marni Koopman, and James McGinnis were absent.

**2. Consent Agenda**

**Buck/Beigel-Coryell m/s to approve the minutes of January 25 and February 22, 2017, as presented. Discussion: None. Voice Vote. All Ayes.**

**3. Announcements**

The next commission meeting will be April 26, 2017.

The documentary, “We the People 2.0,” will be shown on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ashland Unitarian Universalist Church, starting at 6:30 p.m.

SOU has lots of events planned for Arbor Day (April 14<sup>th</sup>) and Earth Week (April 17-21). Check their website for more info.

There will be a natural building workshop at the SOU farm on Saturdays in April and May. See the Farm Facebook page for details.

SOU has sent out an RFP for stadium lighting retrofit, and responses are due back tomorrow.

*Commissioner Mark Weir arrived 6:10 p.m.*

Tomorrow (March 23) a public hearing on the Jordan Cove pipeline will be held in the Medford library from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The annual Earth Day event will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**4. Public Forum**

Louise Shawkat - announced that the People’s Climate march will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Pear Blossom Park. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. – noon, will be a town hall with both Representative Pam Marsh and Senator Alan DeBoer. SOCAN is showing the documentary, “Before the Flood,” on March 29<sup>th</sup>. She also announced that the Siskiyou Singers will be performing on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in a concert titled, “The Beauty of the Earth.”

Jeff Sharpe – stated that the February 21<sup>st</sup> update to Council regarding the 10x20 ordinance had lots of information from lots of groups. He offered kudos to staff for their recommendation to Council regarding an environmental assessment. He feels an assessment is vital not just for the

10x20 project, but the other proposed ideas for the site. He fears Council doesn't understand the time-sensitive nature of the solar-array project, with the financing options sun setting. He would like the group to encourage Council to move forward with the motion proposed by staff at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting regarding the site assessment.

Hanks gave an overview of the presentation to Council on the 10x20 ordinance status. Group requested that Councilor Rosenthal give an update of the 10x20 progress at the next meeting (either in-person or written).

## **5. Reports/ Presentations/ Updates**

*Ashland School District Quarterly Update* – Sommer gave highlights of recent ASD activities:

- The solar array at Helman Elementary was not working (possibly for an extend time), but it's still under warranty and so is being repaired.
- ASD is reviewing proposals for adding solar to the parking lot area of Willow Wind school.
- They started purchasing battery-powered equipment from STIHL, and plan to continue to do so. They are finding the use of the equipment is good for more than just traditional environmental reasons, but also for high-fire season safety and for not disturbing classrooms with excess noise.
- They are also looking into the possibility of purchasing a battery-powered riding lawn mower.
- ASD is looking for incentives for artificial turf on the sports fields. Sommer gave an overview of the kind of turf they have installed and some of the issues they have encountered.

Group thanked Sommer and gave their appreciation for his enthusiasm in finding ways to make ASD more efficient.

*City Conservation Programs and Operations* – Hanks stated Conservation staff member Dan Cunningham participated in the Energize Rogue events. Hanks stated that preparing the budget for the 2017-2019 Biennium is currently the main focus of city staff. He gave an overview of some of the budget challenges and how positions such as the proposed CEAP staff member will be handled. He stated that out of the recent solar site assessment by Conservation staff member Larry Giardia two likely locations for new solar were identified - the roof of the Public Works building at 90 North Mountain and locations at the Airport. Finding funding sources will be the next challenge.

## **6. Old Business**

*Sneak Preview Column* – **Buck/Cruikshank m/s to approve the bottle bill article as presented. Discussion: none. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passes.**

Group discussion potential article topics and agreed to the following:

- May – Low impact living class announcements, compiled by Hanks (group to send class information to him to collate)
- June – Water, written by the water subcommittee
- July – a CEAP recap, written by Sohl

*Climate & Energy Action Plan* – Sohl informed the group that the plan was approved by Council but the two ordinances (one for starting a new commission and one for the overall reduction goal) are being studied by staff and will be brought back to Council in the future.

*Conservation Commission Powers and Duties Discussion* – Sohl asked the group to consider the questions, “What is the need to continue this commission in light of the CEAP approval?” and, “What needs to be part of the CEAP commission that might be formed?” Buck stated she’s less concerned with a commission that isn’t yet formed but would like the group to consider what activities the group does that must continue. She listed recent activities she believes are valuable. Beigel-Coryell stated the group should focus on the strengths of the members, including education and outreach, which might not be a big part of the CEAP commission.

Group discussed the history of the Conservation Commission. Group discussed the ways in which this group has changed over the years. They agreed that the outreach and education has been valuable to the community.

Weir stated he sees no need for a separate CEAP commission. Instead, he would prefer the Conservation Commission to continue with expanded membership and the CEAP as a sub-committee of the commission. Sohl stated that this would be a fairly radical adjustment in thinking, but he does like the idea. He’s always thought that the CEAP should be a large group with very active subcommittees focused on water, electric and recycling/waste. Cruickshank agreed that it makes sense to have a more robust Conservation Commission with subcommittees of very specific focuses. She is concerned that if there are two commissions the group still needs a way to help divide the duties between the two. Group agreed to continue the discussion of the powers and duties at the next commission meeting.

## **7. New Business**

*Nomination of 2017 Chair/Vice Chair* – Group discussed who might be willing to take this on and Buck informed the group about conversations she had with Koopman regarding the possibility of being co-chairs together.

**Beigel-Coryell/Sommer m/s to nominate Koopman as chair and Buck as vice-chair.**

**Discussion:** Buck wanted to be clear that Koopman had suggested co-chairs. Group discussed this but determined that co-chairs can’t really work. As Koopman agreed in her conversations with Buck to lead the meetings, it would make more sense to just call her the chair, even if they share the other duties. **Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passes.**

## **8. Wrap Up**

Group requested that there be a continued discussion of powers and duties at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Shiplet  
Executive Assistant

## Re-using Your Water

With seemingly no end to the bountiful winter/spring rains this year, we're all heaving a sigh of relief that the three-year drought is over! So much rain and snow should mean less threat of wildfire, and less concern about conserving water, right? Well not entirely. Lets count the reasons why we should treat water as the precious and finite resource that it is:

#1- 60% of Oregon is desert, and water in the west along with eater rights, is fast becoming as precious as gold.

#2- Here in the Rogue Valley we get little to no precipitation during the dry summer months when we need rain the most.

#3- Climate change projections for this area predict more precipitation during winter months, but hotter and drier summers with less rain than usual scant amount we may or may not receive.

#4- Even though we're tapped into Medford's water supply now, we shouldn't rely upon it unless we really need to, which we may, if climate change predictions are accurate.

#5- As the human population increases, ground water supplies everywhere are being used up faster than the rain can recharge into the ground.

#6- Each summer we watch the slow drain Emigrant Lake and the feeder lakes above it, hoping that they won't run out too soon. Hyatt was at a record low last year, so we know that our over-all water supply is somewhat of a crapshoot.

There might be a few more reasons, but in total, these issues add up to the cold hard fact that NOW is a great time to consider installing rainwater catchment and/or a greywater system!

It's really not rocket science to capture and store rain from your roof to irrigate, instead of relying solely on expensive treated drinking water for your plants, shade trees and gardens. And it's pretty simple to recycle greywater from baths, showers, sinks and washing machines to water parts of your landscape. Permits and materials all have an up-front cost, but over time it saves money, and more importantly, it saves and uses water that was being wasted before!

**Greywater, or Laundry to Landscape** systems (types 1, 2 and 3) save costs at the water treatment plant, reduce thermal discharges into Bear Creek, and save money by reducing your use of potable water for the non-potable use of sub-surface irrigation. Average homes use 90-110 gallons of water daily, so why not re-use it for watering gardens, trees, and food crops? Kitchen sinks are Ok, but the hardest to filter, while bathroom sinks, showers, and laundry water are relatively clean. DEQ permits costs \$90, plus the plumbing costs of installation, but DEQ and the City of Ashland Conservation staff have detailed resources to help you. (links below)

**Rainwater catchment** from rooftops is also allowed in Oregon, for non-potable uses like irrigation, hose bibs, toilets, urinals, clothes washing, heating and air conditioning. All it takes is

re-directing your gutters to spill into a large, filtered storage tank or two, and then have a way to pump it or use gravity to irrigate areas of your yard. Basically you need to calculate how much water your roof generates annually to decide the right sized covered storage tank(s) to purchase; dig a flat, solid bed of sand and gravel for the tank, get a first flush diverter, filter and re-direct your gutters into the tank, protect it from direct sun, and watch it fill with free water all winter! Plastic, metal, or fiberglass tanks range from 1,000-40,000 gallons, which can make a dent in summer water bills. (Links below)

We on the Conservation Commission are hosting a free tour of local greywater & catchment systems on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10-12, leaving from North Mt. Park, and we will host future workshops on installation of these water saving systems in the future.

<http://www.ashland.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=11701>

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/reuse/graywater.htm>

<http://greywateraction.org>

□ <http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/pdf/0990.pdf>

[https://thewaterproject.org/rain\\_catchment](https://thewaterproject.org/rain_catchment)

<http://www.arcsa.org/>

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## *Notes from the March 13, 2017 meeting with Roxanne, Cara and James.*

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**Goal:** to the Conservation Commission as to whether the Conservation Commission should be subsumed by the proposed ACEAP Commission or remain separate from it.

1. In preparation, Roxanne, Cara and James, compared the various existing City Commission powers and duties to strategies associated with each focus area within the ACEAP. The purpose of this process was to identify, at a macro level, which city commission(s) would most likely be tasked with a given focus area strategy in the ACEAP based on the current powers and duties of each commission
  - a. See [Appendix 1](#) for a list of current city commission’s powers and duties.
2. Based on our analysis in #1 above
  - a. We concluded that the proposed powers and duties of the ACEAP commission are generally broader than the more specific powers and duties of any given City Commission.
  - b. Further, we concluded that several City commissions should be assigned role(s) in supporting ACEAP focus area strategies (and ultimately actions as shown in [Appendix 2](#)).
  - c. We developed two alternatives for the future of the proposed ACEAP Commission and the existing Conservation Commission, and identified pros and cons for both.
  - d. **Recommendation: keep the proposed “restructured” Conservation Commission separate from the ACEAP commission.** See comparison matrix below.

**Comparison Matrix:**

Alternatives for the future of the proposed ACEAP Commission and the proposed “restructured” Conservation Commission:

Alternative	Pros	Cons
Combine proposed ACEAP Commission and Conservation Commission	Reduce city overhead for staff support (City Council, subject matter staff, and recording)	If the Conservation Commission is subsumed by the proposed ACEAP commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to create subcommittees to address key ACEAP strategies/actions.</li> <li>• Large ACEAP commission size and complexity dealing with details that other commissions should take responsibility for addressing.</li> </ul>

Keep the proposed ACEAP Commission and a “restructured” Conservation Commission Separate.	If the Conservation Commission will take on appropriate roles, like other City Commissions in addressing key ACEAP strategies/actions.	Increased overhead for staff support (City Council, subject matter staff, and recording)
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**Appendix 1: Current Commissions Powers and Duties (taken from City of Ashland Website)**

<b>Current City Commissions Powers and Duties</b>
<b>ACEAP Commission (from proposed ordinance)</b>
Monitor and advise on the Implementation of the Climate and Energy Action Plan for the Community and City
Recommend modifications to benchmarks, targets or implementing actions contained in the ACEAP as needed the best available science and practices to achieve ACEAP related goals and targets.
Monitor progress toward achieving the reductions of GHG emissions prescribed by this ordinance
Work to ensure that the ACEAP considers public input and long-term social, economic and environmental impacts
Recommend changes in city ordinances, rules and processes that facilitate and/or incentivize residents and businesses to reduce their GHG emissions
Work to ensure the plans are socially equitable for all community members including low-income, young people, people of color, elderly and those living with disabilities.
Work to ensure the ACEAP protects Ashland’s quality of life by identifying, benefiting, and preserving long-term resources, services, amenities, institutions, industries, and community characteristics valued by Ashland residents
<b>Airport</b>
To advise the Mayor and City Council on all matters relating to the management, operation, and further development of Ashland Airport;
To investigate Federal, State, County and private funding for airport improvements;
To review and recommend project applications for funding to the City Council.
<b>Conservation</b>
Recycling, source reduction and solid waste/landfill issues;
Electric conservation issues;
Air Quality Issues;
Water conservation issues;
Resource conservation issues;
New power resource decisions, but not decisions involving wholesale power contracts;
Renewable Resource decisions;
Education of citizens about resource efficiency issues
<b>Forest Lands</b>
To develop forest management plans for the City of Ashland's municipal forests
To provide direction and oversight to planning teams concerning wildland urban interface (wildfire lands) and Watershed.
To develop community volunteer programs to assist in implementation of the Ashland Forest Plan and other projects
To submit recommendations to the City Council regarding forest management practices.

To ensure that plans integrate diverse opinions of citizens and private land owners.

To promote public knowledge and acceptance of the Ashland Forest Plan programs.

**Historic**

survey and recommend to the City Council, areas or properties of significant historical value and interest to be historical properties

draft and recommend ordinances and other measures designed to protect and foster interest in the improvement of historical properties

review literature and sources of funding concerning the protection and improvement of designated historic properties

and make recommendations concerning the improvement of designated historic properties in connection with building permits, zone changes, conditional use permits, variances, sign permits and site reviews

review and recommend project applications for funding; to promote public support in the preservation of Ashland historic properties

advise citizens on aesthetic standards for historic areas

**Housing and Human Services**

To monitor and assess the continuum of housing and human services needs of the community, and utilize this information to advise the City Council regarding policy and funding strategies relating to housing and human services;

To consider the feasibility of and advise the City Council on programs that assist in addressing the unmet utility, transportation, and food needs of seniors, children and families in Ashland, and other related human services programs;

To review and make recommendations to the City Council on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) re-grants;

To monitor projects funded with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), City of Ashland Social Services, and the Housing Trust Funds;

To investigate federal, state, county and private funding for implementation of housing and human services programs;

To foster public knowledge and support of official city housing and human services programs;

To enhance cooperation between the public and private sectors by promoting integrated approaches that promote affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons;

To evaluate, review, and recommend to the Planning Commission and City Council innovative land use strategies that promote a broad variety of housing types

To monitor housing discrimination complaints and corrective actions within the City, and to report to the City Council on actions taken to further equal opportunity to all persons to live in decent housing facilities regardless of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, source of income, or familial status

**Municipal Audit**

Recommend to the council an independent firm of certified public accountants to perform the annual audit of the City of Ashland.

Analyze and report to the council significant findings in the annual audit report and make recommendations regarding the findings.

Make recommendations, if any, to the council regarding the following financial documents:

1. Annual financial statements,
2. Management letter submitted by the independent auditor, and
3. Response to management letter submitted by city staff.

To effectuate the duties and responsibilities of the Committee, the Committee may require the presence of a majority of members at all meetings.

### **Parks and Recreation**

adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper conduct of public recreation in the City.

coordinates recreational facilities now within the City, or hereafter to be constructed or created

conduct any form of recreation or cultural activity that will employ the leisure time of the people of Ashland in a constructive and wholesome manner

### **Planning**

responsible for the city's comprehensive plan and development standards that implement that plan

### **Planning Hearings Board**

enable the Planning Commission to focus on broad planning concerns by reducing the number of applications to the full Commission

assure applicants of a timely hearing before members of the Commission who have sufficient time to devote to the matters at issue

### **Public Arts**

ensure the arts continue to be of value as an integral part of Ashland.

promote the arts in Ashland to enrich the lives of its citizens through education and demonstration

assist the city council, the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission, historic commission and the planning commission in the use of public art to enhance existing development in public parks and other public lands and in public structures

advise the planning commission, the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission, other city commissions and city departments regarding artistic components of all municipal government projects under consideration by the city

serve as a resource for artistic components of land use developments

develop and recommend to the city council policies and programs that would enhance and encourage the planning and maintenance of public displays of art in locations open to the public within the community

maintain connections with other local, regional and national organizations working for the benefit of art and preservation of historic values, and other similar activities

recognize and encourage groups and organizations that enrich Ashland life by bringing cultural and artistic values to the city

pursue gifts and grants for support of arts programs and activities and the procurement of public art

### **Transportation**

proactively plan for a transportation system that is integrated into the community and enhances Ashland's livability and natural environment

focus must be on people being able to move easily through the city in all modes of travel

Modal equity then is more than just a phrase. It is a planning concept that does not necessarily imply equal financial commitment or equal percentage use of each mode, but rather ensures that we will have the opportunity to choose to safely use the transportation mode of our choice, and allow us to move toward a less auto-dependent community

### **Tree**

act in an advisory capacity to the Planning Commission, City Council and Planning Department Staff Advisor in the process of the land-use planning process, with respect to tree science and requirements, landscape design and principles of botanic species and protection of natural resources

develop and recommend ordinances and policies for the planting, care and protection of trees throughout the city

act in an advisory capacity to all City departments regarding tree protection, maintenance, removal on all City property

educate the citizenry and to promote public knowledge and understanding of the benefits of appropriate tree preservation

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additional duties that can be found within Ashland Municipal Code <a href="#">Chapter 2.25</a>
<b>Wildfire Mitigation</b>
provide advice and support to the Council and City departments and education to the community on wildfire i for mitigation action
foster the efforts of the city of Ashland to adopt and achieve the goals set forth in the Fire Adapted Communit

Appendix 2: List of ACEAP Focus Areas and associated strategies, with recommended commission(s) to be assigned role(s) for each ACEAP focus Area Strategy (and ultimately actions associated with each strategy).

Focus Area	Associated Strategy	Recommended commission(s) to be assigned role(s) for each ACEAP focus Area Strategy (and ultimately actions associated with each strategy).
<b>Buildings and Energy</b>	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with Ashland's building energy use.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission <b>Enforcement</b> – Planning Commission
<b>Buildings and Energy</b>	Increase energy and water efficiency in City and private buildings.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission <b>Enforcement</b> – Planning Commission
<b>Buildings and Energy</b>	Protect Ashland's building stock and energy supply from climate impacts.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission <b>Enforcement</b> – Planning Commission <b>Support</b> – Historic Commission
<b>Urban Form, Land Use &amp; Transportation</b>	Reduce community and City employee vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission <b>Guidelines/Ordinance</b> – Transportation Commission
<b>Urban Form, Land Use &amp; Transportation</b>	Improve vehicle efficiency and expand low-carbon transport, including within the City's fleet.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission <b>Guidelines/Ordinance</b> – Transportation Commission and City Staff
<b>Urban Form, Land Use &amp; Transportation</b>	Support local and regional sustainable growth	<b>Outreach</b> – City Staff/Mayor
<b>Urban Form, Land Use &amp; Transportation</b>	Protect transportation infrastructure from climate impacts.	??
<b>Consumption &amp; Materials Management</b>	Reduce solid waste and wastewater greenhouse gas emissions.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission
<b>Consumption</b>	Increase waste	<b>Education</b> - Restructured

<b>&amp; Materials Management</b>	diversion through waste prevention, recycling, and composting.	Conservation Commission
<b>Consumption &amp; Materials Management</b>	Reduce consumption of climate-intensive food, products, and services.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission
<b>Consumption &amp; Materials Management</b>	Support locally-produced products.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission
<b>Natural Systems</b>	Enhance ecosystem health and resilience.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission??
<b>Natural Systems</b>	Ensure sustained access to clean air and drinking water.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission??
<b>Public Health, Safety &amp; Well-Being</b>	Protect public health from air pollution and climate impacts.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission??
<b>Public Health, Safety &amp; Well-Being</b>	Improve community capacity to understand, prepare for, and respond to climate change security risks.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission??
<b>Cross-Cutting Strategies</b>	Increase awareness of city climate goals and needs.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission??
<b>Cross-Cutting Strategies</b>	Integrate climate change considerations into day-to-day City operations, planning, and decision making.	<b>Education</b> - Restructured Conservation Commission??

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CLIMATE AND ENERGY ACTION COMMISSION

**2.27– Climate and Energy Action Plan Advisory Commission**

**2.27.005 – Purpose**

Upon adoption of this ordinance, the Mayor shall establish a permanent Citizen Commission to provide oversight and recommendations regarding the implementation of the Climate and Energy Action Plan, as well as recommending updates and modifications to the Climate and Energy Action Plan (CEAP) document.

**2.27.010 – Establishment – Membership**

The Commission shall reflect and represent a wide range of community interests and perspectives, including environmental, energy efficiency, renewable energy, academic and business, low income, equity, and health, communities of color and elderly. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) voting members, including at least two (2) of whom shall be 25-years-old or younger at the time of appointment. Eight (8) of the members shall reside within the City, and one (1) may be an at large member living within the Ashland urban growth boundary. One (1) Mayor or City Councilor and one (1) City staff person shall serve on the Commission as non-voting, *ex-officio* members. The primary staff liaison shall be appointed by the City Administrator and shall serve as Secretary of the Commission. Voting members shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council

**2.27.020 - Powers and Duties**

- A. Monitor and advise on the Implementation of the Climate and Energy Action Plan for the Community and City Operations
- B. Recommend modifications to benchmarks, targets or implementing actions contained in the CEAP as needed to incorporate the best available science and practices to achieve CEAP related goals and targets.
- C. Monitor progress toward achieving the reductions of GHG emissions prescribed by this ordinance
- D. Work to ensure that the CEAP considers public input and long-term social, economic and environmental impacts
- E. Recommend changes in city ordinances, rules and processes that facilitate and/or incentivize residents and businesses to reduce their GHG emissions
- F. Work to ensure the plans are socially equitable for all community members including low-income, young people, persons of color, elderly and those living with disabilities.
- G. Work to ensure the CEAP protects Ashland's quality of life by identifying, benefiting, and preserving long-term natural resources, services, amenities, institutions, industries, and community characteristics valued by Ashland residents.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-19

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

THE CITY OF ASHLAND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Established--Membership. The Conservation Commission is established and shall consist of nine voting members including the mayor or one council member, who shall serve as chair of the Commission; one representative of the solid waste franchisee for the city; and one representative from Southern Oregon State College; and one representative from the Ashland School District. At least four of the other members shall reside within the city. The commission shall also consist of certain non-voting ex officio members, including the Department of Community Development Director and the Conservation Manager, the Director of Public Works, the Building Official and City Administrator. Voting members shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council.

SECTION 2. Terms--Vacancies. The term of voting members shall be for three years, expiring on April 30 of each year. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council for the unexpired portion of the term. The terms of the initial nine members shall be three members for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, which shall be drawn by lot at the first meeting of the commission after the adoption of this resolution. Their successors shall be appointed for three-year terms. Any commissioner who has four or more unexcused absences in a one-year period shall be considered no longer active and the position vacant, and a new person shall be appointed to fill the vacancy.

SECTION 3. Quorum--Rules and Meetings. Five voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of commissioners present at the meeting and entitled to vote shall be sufficient to conduct business. The commission may make rules and regulations for its meetings and procedures consistent with city ordinances and this resolution, and shall meet at least once every month. At its first meeting, the commission shall elect a vice-chair who shall serve for a period of one year or until replaced by the commission.

SECTION 4. Powers and Duties--Generally. The powers, duties and responsibilities of the commission shall be to educate and advocate for the wise and efficient use of resources by the City of Ashland and all Ashland citizens. In doing so the commission shall recommend to the council the adoption of policies, implementation strategies and funding related to:

- A. Recycling, source reduction and solid waste/landfill issues;
- B. Electric conservation issues;
- C. Water conservation issues;
- D. Resource conservation issues;
- E. New power resource decisions, but not including decisions involving wholesale power contracts;

- F. Renewable resource decisions;
- G. Air quality issues;
- H. Education of citizens about resource efficiency issues; and

SECTION 5. Reports. The commission shall submit copies of its minutes to the City Council and shall prepare and submit such reports as from time to time may be requested by the council.

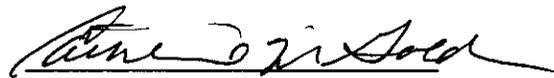
SECTION 6. Compensation. Voting members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for services rendered.

This resolution was read by title only in accordance with Ashland Municipal Code

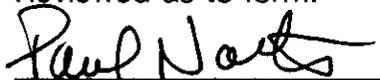
§2.04.090 duly PASSED and ADOPTED this 6 day of June, 1995.

  
Barbara M. Christensen, City Recorder

SIGNED and APPROVED this 7 day of June, 1995.

  
Catherine M. Golden, Mayor

Reviewed as to form:

  
Paul Nolte, City Attorney

## **2.18 Conservation Commission**

### **2.18.010 Established-Membership**

The Conservation Commission is established and shall consist of nine (9) voting members including one representative of the solid waste franchisee for the city; and one representative from Southern Oregon University; and one representative from the Ashland School District and six (6) other voting members. At least five (5) of the other members shall reside within the city. The commission shall also consist of certain non-voting ex officio members, including the mayor or one council member serving as council liaison, the Department of Community Development Director and the Electric Utility Director, the Director of Public Works, the Building Official and City Administrator. The primary staff liaison shall be appointed by the City Administrator and shall serve as Secretary of the Commission. Voting members shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council.

(Ord 3003, amended, 02/18/2010; Ord 2981, added, 04/06/2009; Ord 3100, 2014)

### **2.18.040 Powers and Duties-Generally**

The powers, duties and responsibilities of the commission shall be to educate and advocate for the wise and efficient use of resources by the City of Ashland and all Ashland citizens. In doing so the commission shall recommend to the council the adoption of policies, implementation strategies and funding related to:

- A. Recycling, source reduction and solid waste/landfill issues;
- B. Electric conservation issues;
- C. Water conservation issues;
- D. Resource conservation issues;
- E. New power resource decisions, but not including decisions involving wholesale power contracts;
- F. Renewable resource decisions;
- G. Air quality issues;
- H. Education of citizens about efficiency issues; and

(Ord 2981; 2009; Ord 3003, 2010)

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