

ASHLAND CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE OUTREACH COMMISSION

Meeting Action Minutes

October 27, 2021 – 3 to 5 PM

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- > Decision
- > Action
- >> Assignment

Present McGinnis, Buck, Koopman, Moore, Walker, Graham, Sohl, Green

Absent: Cooper, Rosenthal

1. (3:00) Call to Order

2. Consent Agenda (5 min)

2.1. Sept. 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- > Buck / Walker Unanimously

3. (3:05) Announcements (15 min)

3.1. Next Regular Meeting: November 17, 2021

3.2. Other Announcements from Commissioners

- > All commissioners be aware that Kate Kennedy's application is still in process, Risa is investigating, Councilors Graham and Jensen support the appointment.
- > Assignment: Chair will contact ASD, will they consent to assigning Anya as the school representative, to free up a position.
- > Councilors be aware that there is a meeting coming up (Nov2 CC Biz Meeting) re: wastewater study/proposal that would dewater bear creek, approx 50% water would be lost degrading fish habitat and create other water management issues.
- > Sohl / Walker Motion: authorize Chair and Sohl to put together a letter stating, for env and economic reasons we, as CCOC, vote to not support moving ahead with WWTP feasibility study. Passes unanimously.

3.3. Reports from Members of Other Commissions

4. (3:20) Public Forum will be taken as written and oral testimony. Please submit testimony via the [CCOC contact form](#) by 10 a.m. the day before the meeting to be included in the minutes. If you would like to speak, please indicate that on the form. (5 min)

5. (3:25) - Reports/Presentations (50 min)

5.1. Ashland Solar Cooperative presentation (30 min)

5.2. Council Update (5 min)

- > Add CRTZ article to future sneak list?
- > City manager closed 10/15, down to 4 finalists from 20

5.3. Staff Update (5 min)

- > CRTZ, Nuclear memo, HES coming soon
- 5.4. SOU Update (5 min)
- > Working on 3-year sustainability report
 - > In the midst of presidential search, there are 5 final candidates
- 5.5. Recology Update (5 min)
- > none
6. (4:15) – **Business** (40 min)
- 6.1. Parameters for invited presentations (5 min)
- > Suggestions from Marni: Experts in field (education and experience), majority wants to hear presentation,
 - > Risa: Experience as a communicator
 - > James: able to demonstrate respect to commission
 - > relevant to charter?
 - > Assignment: Koopman will draft a list
 - > Commission generally agreed to move forward with developing guidance for guest speakers
- 6.2. CCOC Subgroup progress reports (15 min)
- Subgroup #1 – CEAP implementation support (McGinnis, Sohl, Cooper)
 - > (Ask Marni about number 4, working with commissions)
 - Subgroup #2 – Outreach framework (Buck, Moore, Rosenthal, Koopman)
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 - Subgroup #3 – Education/Coordination (Walker(delete walker?), Sohl, Koopman)
 - > Rename group: climate change general awareness.
- 6.3. Commission Monthly Column in Sneak Preview (20 min)
- Discuss inviting other Commissions
 - > Can we schedule / invite commissions to use the Conservation Corner?
 - > Buck / Walker moves to approve “5 myths article”. Passes unanimously.
 - > Decision: postpone Moore’s article
 - > Decision: Becs and Risa will write about RTG next month
 - > Becs will draft climate change article
 - > Sohl will invite Wildfire safety commission to submit an article in Jan for Mar pub
 - > CHair will contact Hartman about presentation next month

Month Published	Article	Assigned To	Due for Packet	Due to Sneak Preview
December	Recycling	Rosenthal	Oct. 13	Nov. 5
January	Climate action for the New Year	Moore	Nov. 3	Dec. 5
February	Should I move? (Due to climate change)	Koopman	Dec. 1	Jan. 5
March	TBD			
TBD – Ashland Solar Cooperative, Community Climate Survey Results, Invite other Commissions				

7. (4:55) **Wrap Up** (5 min)
- 7.1. Items to be added to future agendas
- Ashland Solar Cooperative (November meeting)

- Nuclear power follow-up
- CCOC Priorities discussion and retreat
- >Koopman will send out a doodle poll re: retreat.

Conservation and Climate Outreach Commission

The purpose of Ashland's Conservation and Climate Outreach Commission is to support the achievement of Ashland's Community Climate Recovery Goals and conservation activities. The Commission shall actively encourage Community entities and individuals to make wise use of resources and make progress toward Ashland's Community Climate Goals as set forth in the most current City Council approved version of the Climate and Energy Action Plan.

The Conservation and Climate Outreach Commission consists of nine voting members including one representative each from the solid waste franchisee for the City, Southern Oregon University, and the Ashland School District, and six other voting members.

Powers and Duties Generally:

- A. Consistent with City policies and procedures, educate and advocate for Ashland's Community Climate Recovery Goals
- B. Consistent with the Climate and Energy Action Plan, make recommendations on strategies, actions, and programs related to the wise and efficient use of resources by all Ashland citizens, including:
 - a. Consumption of goods and services;
 - b. Materials management, waste prevention, reduction, and recycling;
 - c. Conservation and efficient use of electricity, water, and natural resources;
 - d. Promotion of community, residential, and commercial renewable resources;
 - e. Air quality awareness; and
 - f. Climate resilience and preparedness.