

ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

April 23, 2014

Community Development Building, Siskiyou Room
51 Winburn Way

1. Call to Order

2. Consent Agenda / Reports (5 min)

- 2.1. Minutes March 26, 2014 Commission meeting
- 2.2. Minutes of March 5, 2014 Sustainability Sub-committee

3. Announcements (5 min)

- 3.1. Next Regular Meeting: May 28, 2014
- 3.2. Upcoming Sub-committee meetings for March
 - Sustainability – May 7th, April 21st
 - Conservation Competition/Awards - TBA
 - BYOB - TBA
 - Fourth of July - TBA
- 3.3. Other Announcements from Commissioners

4. Public Forum (10 min to be evenly divided by public wishing to speak)

5. Reports / Presentations/Updates (70 min)

- 5.1. Council - Councilor Rosenthal (5 min)
- 5.2. City Operations – Hanks (5 min)
- 5.3. Quarterly Report – N/A
- 5.4. Recycling Center Ad-Hoc – Beigel-Coryell (5 min)
- 5.5. Sustainability Sub-Committee (20 min)
- 5.6. Fourth of July Sub-Committee – Buck (15 min)
- 5.7. Conservation Awards Committee – Koopman (5 min)
- 5.8. Car Wash Education – Buck (10 min)
- 5.9. Rogue Valley Earth Day – Debrief (5 Min)

6. Old Business

- 6.1 BYOB(Plastic Bag Ban) – Follow up issues for ordinance second reading (15 min)

7. New Business

- 7.1. Commission Goal Setting – Discuss process/format (15 min)

8. Wrap Up

- 1.1. Items to be added to next agenda
- 1.2. Adjournment (8 PM)

Subcommittee Meeting minutes

Present: Marni Koopman, Roxane Beigel-Coryell, Jim McGinnis
4-16-2015

Topic: STAR MATRIX for community-wide sustainability planning.

Want the Council to be aware of what we are working on around sustainability.

Pre-reading material for the commission

Our findings
Get their concurrence

Material

Matrix
Introduction
Steps for the city council
Description of what we're up to
Goals?
How it would unfold, unknowns
Framework

What are we asking of council?

- We would be asking the city to adopt it as a framework for the community, using it for city planning and goals setting as well as community planning, etc. (because the city is part of the greater community)
- Ask the council for support for our continued efforts on
- Use prioritization to move some actions forward
- Have them agree to the core principles
- Have it as a study session (have Rich request it?)
- Make sure they understand that we are already doing a LOT of these things – Ashland is already well-on the way to sustainability
- Helps identify where they need to take more action
- They don't need to immediately take action on all of these – very flexible, but it needs to start moving forward. Its time to implement the community sustainability effort. Phase it in (see steps below)
- Different phases –
 - Phase 1 – start by using the framework for every council, departmental goal setting – might even save time, help prioritize. Also city departments. At end of year, report what they did, how they used the matrix, what types of decisions were made and actions implemented because of it.
 - Phase 2 – dedicated staff (preferably dedicated new staff) within 2 years (at least half time) and STAR membership

- Phase 3 – Build cross-departmental and community partnerships for a more integrated and collaborative approach to sustainability
- Phase 4 – Reassess – what works well/doesn't work well, where is the progress, how much staff time is needed?
- Would need a city staff member as the community lead (Sustainability Coordinator)... dedicated staff for expanding to a community level

Assignments:

Roxane will make an example matrix.

Jim will make sure and include brochure in packet for commission

Marni will get Adam's input to the matrix, and make sure it gets in the April packet

Marni will make sure we request to be on the Council agenda for august – 20 minutes

Marni will make sure we get 15 minutes on the Commission agenda for April

STAR matrix with examples of ongoing efforts and existing gaps

Infrastructure	Climate and Energy	Economy and Jobs	Education/Arts/Community	Equity and Empowerment	Health and Safety	Natural Systems
Ambient Light and Noise	Climate Adaptation	Business Retention and Development	Arts and Culture	Civic Engagement	Active Living	Green Infrastructure
	Climate Action Plan, Sustainability Council, campus events on climate change issues		OSF Green Show Public art	Vote OR campaign, Civic Engagement Program,	Pursuing Bicycle Friendly University distinction, campus fitness center	Campus Tree Committee, Tree Campus USA, Tree Care Plan
Community Water Systems	Greenhouse Gas Mitigation	Green Market Development	Community Cohesion	Civil and Human Rights	Community Health/Health Systems	Invasive Species
	Climate Action Plan, Sustainability Council, campus events on climate change issues, EV charging stations, lighting & equipment upgrades, GHG inventories Nothing yet - need targets for GHG emissions					IPM
Compact and Complete Communities	Greening the Energy Supply	Local Economy	Educational Opportunity and Attainment	Environmental Justice	Emergency Prevention and Response	Natural Resource Protection
Retain development within city boundaries Raider Village built near transit stop, walkability	Community solar panels on police building transitioning fleet to EV/Alt fuels, EV charging stations, on-site solar					

Housing Affordability	Industrial Sector Resource Efficiency	Quality Jobs and Living Wages	Historic Preservation	Equitable Services and Access	Food Access and Nutrition	Outdoor Air Quality
SOU Family Housing?	Use COA conservation incentives		Earthquake retrofits		SOU Food Pantry, Center for Sustainability	Partnership w/RVTD, Tree Campus USA, Anti-Idling fleet

Infill and Redevelopment	Resource Efficient Buildings	Targeted Industry Development	Social and Cultural Diversity	Human Services	Indoor Air Quality	Water in the Environment
	LEED Gold Res & Dining Halls, LEED Platinum HEC, LEED Silver new construction minimum Retrofits of older buildings		Cultural events, Multicultural Resource Center			Natural cooling of waste treatment outflow Offsets 100% of water use

Public Spaces	Resource Efficient Public Infrastructure	Workforce Readiness		Poverty Prevention and Alleviation	Natural and Human Hazards	Working Lands
Center for Sustainability	Energy audit of city buildings and operations LEED Silver minimum on new construction, ongoing retrofits and upgrades			Increased student jobs	Watershed thinning/wildfire reduction	Watershed restoration

Transportation Choices	Waste Minimization				Safe Communities	
Bike parking, subsidized bus passes, rideshare program, bike loan	On-site recycle center, recycling events & trainings, free stuff shelf, recycling bins & tips					

Jim Hartman - School District
Roxane - SOU

Adam - city
Ashland Food bank

La Clinica
Thrive

**Develop examples from where we have made progress as well as where we might put more energy
**Prioritize actions that cross over

CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET
FY 2013-14

7/1/13		Beginning Balance		\$2,500.00
Date	Vendor	Purpose	Amount	Balance
9/20/13	Grange Co-Op	Compost Class Instructor gift card	\$150.00	
11/15/13	Recology	Pre-paid leaf bag collection program	\$300.00	
3/3/14	RV Earth Day	Earth Day Sponsorship/Contribution	\$500.00	
Total Expenditures			\$950.00	
Budget Balance				\$1,550.00
Commission Recommended - Pending				
			All Schools Sustainability Competition	\$900.00
Total Commitments (Encumbrances)			\$900.00	
UnAllocated Budget Balance				\$650.00