

Conservation Commission - Waste Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

Time: Monday, December 4th, 1:15pm-2:15pm

Location: 351 Walker Ave., Ashland, OR 97520

Commissioners Present: Risa Buck, Jamie Rosenthal, Roxane Beigel-Coryell

Education/Outreach:

Group discussed hosting a screening of the film *Plastic China* to raise awareness about what happens to plastics when they are sent for “recycling” overseas. Jamie tried to reach out to filmmakers with no response. Roxane and Jamie both agreed to contact the producers again to find out how to get screening rights.

Straws:

Risa reported that she spoke with several local businesses to gauge their interest in banning plastic straws. Each business she spoke with indicated they would be interested in participating or learning more about such a program. The group discussed having a pilot group to test a plastic straw ban. Participating businesses would offer paper straws upon request, but plastic straws would not be available. The group discussed having a small pilot of the straw ban with a few businesses during the month of February to see if there are any challenges/barriers to banning plastic straws on a broader scale in Ashland.

The group agreed to bring the straw ban pilot idea to the Conservation Commission for feedback and approval to move forward.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.