



City of Lake Oswego Sustainability Advisory Board Minutes

November 17, 2008

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jean Baumann called the Sustainability Advisory Board meeting of November 17, 2008 to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Santiam Room of the West End Building, 4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Members present: Chair Baumann, Vice Chair Dorothy Atwood, Craig Biggs, Bruce (Chris) Brown (alternate), Craig Diamond, Ron Gronowski, Lisa Murphy, Patrick Rowe, Jacob Shimkus, Amin Wahab and Grant Watkinson. Jeff DeWitt was not present. Councilor Frank Groznik attended as the Council liaison. Staff: Jonna Papaefthimiou, Staff Liaison/Natural Resource Planner; Stephan Lashbrook, Community Development Director; and Susan Millhauser, Sustainability Planner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of the City of Corvallis Community Action Plan were distributed to board members. The Lake Oswego High School Political Action Seminar “Green Team” had indicated they wanted the high school to install solar collectors. The Lakeridge High School Green Team” was working on a “Don’t Be Idle” campaign. Interested parties could sign up for emailed updates from the state Global Warming Commission.

MINUTES

The Minutes of October 20, 2008 were edited and **adopted** by unanimous vote of those members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

REGULAR BUSINESS

Review Agenda

Chair Baumann offered an overview of the agenda.

2009 SAB Goals & Work Plan

The group examined changes Chair Baumann had made to the draft 2009 SAB Goals and Work Plan. She explained that she had reframed the document, but kept the content, after receiving feedback that the SAB seemed to be taking on too much.

SAB Liaisons to other governance bodies

The members observed that they wanted to maintain a good, two-way working relationship with the staff and knew that they could talk to any Councilor at any time, so they did not need to appoint one member to serve as liaison to the City Council.

2008 City Council goals (to support)

The revised draft showed the SAB would continue to support the following 2008 City Council goals: Comprehensive Plan update and community visioning; water conservation; and the urban and rural reserves Stafford study.

Community Initiatives

Chair Baumann had already listed the first two initiatives under the goal to Implement Three Community Initiatives in 2009: Write a community sustainability plan; and Host public outreach events. She suggested the SAB identify a third initiative. The group then used brainstorming to identify the next community initiative. Their list of ideas included replacing 2000 toilets with dual-flush toilets; a climate change initiative; an Earth Day event that focused on what individuals could do for energy efficiency, how they could reduce waste and water consumption, and how to properly dispose of compact fluorescent light bulbs; working with Energy Trust of Oregon to audit 1,000 homes; revising the Community Development Code so it called for “green” building practices; tracking greenhouse gas emission levels, water use and waste reduction in the community; a pilot program for an alternative fuel, intra-city, transit system; a water saving challenge; and to look for opportunities to work with regional partners.

During the discussion the consensus seemed to favor hosting a large community event that would kick off a yearlong sustainability initiative. The staff clarified that the city’s sustainability goal related to city operations, and that they had discontinued the Earth Day celebration due to low attendance.

SAB members voted unanimously to accept the revisions of the draft 2009 Goals & Work Plan and to allow Chair Baumann to refine it.

2009 City Council goals (to recommend)

Chair Baumann had created a list of possible 2009 goals to recommend as city goals. The staff advised the City Council planned to identify 2009 city goals in mid-January. Members added a goal to Revise the Community Development Code and Building Codes to Promote Green Development. One member suggested the code should require all new buildings to be constructed to at least Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ certification, Silver standards. The group heard other suggestions for goals, including Develop a Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure for the City; Streetcar, Bike and Pedestrian Paths and Roundabouts; Develop and Implement a Sustainable Storm Water Program; Develop a Community-wide Climate Change Action Program; Develop Partnerships with Large Stakeholders to Address Climate Change; Add Another Half-Time Sustainability Planner; and Measure Emissions. The staff clarified that city had completed an

emissions inventory and the next step would be climate change action planning for city operations. The staff suggested the climate change action plan should also plan for how the city would adapt to climate change, and to ask the City Council to set visible goals that could be accomplished in one year. Such projects could include decommissioning the lawn at the WEB building; planting 500 street trees; and buying bikes or providing a flex car program for city inspectors to use instead of vehicles. Chair Baumann observed a consensus to add a fifth community initiative to Draft a Climate Change Action Plan. It was also suggested that the SAB ask the new City Council to renew their commitment to the Mayor's climate change initiative.

The Board planned to "fine-tune" the ideas for 2009 goals at their December 15th meeting. Anyone who wanted to add ideas was to submit them to staff by December 5th. The following members volunteered to offer suggestions to the staff and the board on how to weave sustainability into the following processes:

Comprehensive Plan update	Chair Baumann Diamond Rowe
Water Plan	Watkinson Wahab Brown Papaefthimiou
Roles and responsibilities of SAB liaisons to other boards	Atwood Murphy Briggs

Community Sustainability Plan planning

This discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for December 15, 2008. There being no further business Chair Baumann adjourned the meeting at ____ p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonna Papaefthimiou
Associate Planner

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