



## CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO Sustainability Advisory Board Minutes

September 19, 2011

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Acting Chair Gregory Monahan called the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) meeting of September 19, 2011, to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Main Fire Station, 300 B Avenue, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

SAB members present: Gregory Monahan, Andre DeBar, Daniel Gottlieb, Vidya Kale, E. Jay Murphy, Suzanne Spencer, and Rosemary DiCandillo (Alternate)  
SAB members excused/absent: Co-chair Bruce Brown, Lisa Adatto and Sarah Asby  
Guests: Councilor Jeff Gudman, Duke Castle and Dorothy Atwood  
Council Liaison: Sally Moncrieff  
Staff present: Susan Millhauser, Sustainability Coordinator; Sid Sin, Senior Planner

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Millhauser circulated a letter from a citizen who had some suggestions related to watering the City's hanging flower baskets. She circulated the SAB roster and asked the members to update it. Marylhurst had sent an announcement of a series of interfaith panels discussing sustainability, health care, water, human trafficking and globalization. The Foothills project team was to present again in October. The Northwest Grocery Association was encouraging people to bring their own shopping bags to the stores with them. The Council was going to consider some proposed Community Development Code (CDC) amendments on October 4. When the Planning Commission forwarded the amendments it removed an exemption for solar panels from the list of automatic exemptions to the height limit. In the past the SAB had recommended including them. Staff recommended including them. The record contained an analysis by Planning Commissioner Russell Jones, who supported including them. Mr. Gottlieb volunteered to attend the Council hearing as the SAB representative.

### MINUTES

Mr. Gottlieb **moved** to approve the Minutes of June 20, 2011. Mr. Kale **seconded** the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

REGULAR BUSINESS

## **Election of Vice Chair (or Co-chair)**

Mr. Gottlieb **nominated** Gregory Monahan to be Co-Chair of the SAB. Mr. Kale **seconded** the nomination and Co-chair Monahan was **elected** by unanimous vote.

## **Hunt Club Tour / SAB Representative to Water Quality Code Advisory Team**

Mr. Monahan reported that he, Ms. Murphy, Mr. DeBar and Ms. Asby had toured the Hunt Club property. The site was constrained and there was limited pasturage and no room for additional structures. The SAB was invited to send a representative to serve on the Water Quality Code Advisory Team. The NRAB would also send a representative. The group was going to update the stormwater code and manual. Ms. Murphy indicated she might be interested.

## **Solarize Lake Oswego/West Linn Project & Steering Committee**

Ms. Millhauser asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. The project was partially funded by federal funding distributed through the City of Portland to Clackamas County for two solarize projects. One was the Lake Oswego/West Linn project to encourage residential installation of solar panels at bulk rate prices. The Steering Committee would craft the Request for Proposals and fashion the outreach/marketing strategy. Former SAB member Matt Briggs, NRAB member Doug Rich and members of the West Linn Sustainability Advisory Board had already volunteered to be on the committee. Mr. Kale and Mr. DeBar were interested in serving on the committee.

## **Next steps: Luscher Area Master Plan**

Mr. Monahan reported that participants at the joint SAB/NRAB meeting had divided up the task of writing the Boards' responses. Denise Daily had volunteered to compile them. They planned another joint meeting in two weeks to finalize the responses to the plan. He asked if the SAB volunteers had completed their assignments. Mr. Gottlieb indicated he was still looking for the facilities analysis they had asked for. The group wanted to understand what fields were available; which could be modified; what locations could be modified; and what the viable alternatives to developing fields might be. Councilor Moncrieff related that the consultant had provided that information. It was in three large binders. It was not in user friendly format. The Parks and Recreation director had helped her understand it. Councilor Moncrieff planned to go over the binders and the related maps with the Mr. Gottlieb to help him understand it.

Mr. Monahan advised the Boards to continue to complete their work on the plan even though the Council had put it off until early next year. That way it would not get lost. He recalled the plan had come to the SAB after it was basically complete. He related he had advised David Donaldson that sustainability was not an "add on" to a process. An SAB representative should be involved in the process of developing a plan. Mr. Donaldson had talked to parks staff and reported they were using PRAB as the vehicle for parks planning and were not willing to change that process. Monahan asked the SAB PRAB liaison if she would also attend the Parks 2025 public meetings. He observed the process seemed to be "overheating." Councilor Moncrieff

explained the plan was a “work in progress.” She said every time it was sent out for public input it was “massaged” a bit more. The PRAB Liaison to the Comprehensive Plan Update CAC was there to ensure it moved along in line with the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Millhauser announced the process included a joint NRAB/PRAB meeting on September 28. On September 27 the PRAB and NRAB co-chairs were to meet to go over consultants’ product. \*Dorothy Atwood joined the meeting.

### **Update: Comprehensive Plan**

Senior Planner and Project Manager Sidaro Sin presented the update. He reported the Council had agreed to move forward with the community vision and the hybrid conceptual scenario. The next step was to engage the community. The first community summit was scheduled on November 3. He asked the SAB how it wanted to be involved in the process. Ms. Atwood was the SAB’s liaison on the CAC. She explained the community needed a common understanding of sustainability. SAB members should attend CAC meetings to listen to how others saw it and help explain it. There were opportunities for comment at the beginning and end of every CAC meeting. She suggested the Train the Trainer program needed to be expanded. She suggested members contribute newspaper articles. She wanted to see one or two SAB members at each CAC meeting. Mr. Sin offered to circulate the list of meeting dates. He suggested there could be an SAB member at each discussion table at the summits. Mr. Monahan suggested posting a sign-up sheet at each summit for people to sign up for a train the trainer session. When there were at 10 or 12 interested person he would present the Natural Step. Councilor Moncrieff anticipated that segments of the population, like the Lake Oswego Moms Group, would be interested in such training. Mr. Castle advised that people needed to learn about the real world results of the Natural Step framework that had worked in other communities. Getting off fossil fuels did not mean people had to give up their cars or could not heat their homes. They had to do things in a different way. He said Wal-Mart and the US Navy were doing amazing things. Castle related that California had a goal to meet the Architecture 2030 targets, with all new homes and businesses being fossil fuel-free by 2020-2025. Councilor Moncrieff suggested the group look at the October issue of *Outside Magazine* that talked about the best cities to live in. They all had community sustainability plans.

Mr. Sin clarified the meeting capacity was 200 people. The outreach effort involved things like an insert in Hello L. O.; a Listserv; outreach to neighborhood association chairs; an article in the local newspaper; and Dr. Korach was to write an op-ed. SAB members suggested advertising the meetings at the Library; at Lakewood Center; in neighborhood flyers; on cards; and in banners over State Street. There should be SAB members at each discussion table to describe the tangible results that other communities had achieved and bring the triple bottom line concept into the discussions.

Mr. Kale cautioned not to paint a too rosy picture for the public. One could not just rely on converting to all biodiesel or solar, for example, and that this was not realistic. If the entire city were covered with solar panels that would not supply enough power. People should know that it would not happen overnight and it would take some effort to achieve the dream. Atwood agreed, and pointed out that Matt Brigg’s house was net zero and Purdy Paint Brush company had been a zero waste to landfill operation for five years. She recalled that the President

announced the US would get to the moon before the county knew how it would get there. There was a pathway - a direction to go. Mr. Gottlieb advised the people to convince were not the early adopters, but the skeptics. They would ask the critical questions that needed to be answered. If there was not enough solar capacity to meet demand right now, there had to be conservation. There would be no diminishment of quality of life. There had to be a series of small, concrete steps to get to the goal and every step had to make sense on its face. Mr. Sin stressed that the current process was to fashion a Comprehensive Plan to guide the community. The Plan itself would not state the goal was to be fossil fuel-free, for example. It talked about a mixed use, walkable, community; economic development and being a connected community. It would be implemented by an action plan that got into the specifics about how to get to the vision. Mr. Gottlieb acknowledged he did not feel engaged by the process even though he was a member of the SAB. For that reason he questioned whether others would feel engaged. He said the questions were too narrow and there needed to be more questions to consider. Engaging topics would not be zero waste or becoming carbon neutral. They would be about how to achieve realistic short term goals that eventually achieved the longer term goals. Mr. Sin advised the bottom line was that the City was using the process to maintain the City's quality of life for future generations.

### **Finalize Board Liaison Assignments**

Mr. DeBar volunteered to fill the open Building Practices liaison position. Ms. Millhauser recalled the Mayor had related that he was considering holding an urban agricultural summit in January. He had asked for SAB involvement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next joint meeting was scheduled on October 17, 2011. There being no further business Co-chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Millhauser  
Sustainability Coordinator

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