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**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
ZOOM WEBINAR & COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES Approved by Commission January 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Nieves called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Sustainability Commission Present:

Elena Uhing
Tonya Johnson

Robin Lindsley
Greg Arrigotti

Ed Uecker
Amber Nieves

Absent, Unexcused: None.

Absent, Excused: Johanna Peeters Weem, Steven Barnard

Staff: Paul Downey, Elizabeth Stover

Guests: Sanne Stienstra, Cathy Brown, Laurie Gordon, and Lisa Harings

1. **Community Communications:** None.
2. **Commissioner Communications:** Chair Nieves read the Sustainability Commission mission statement: Using all resources (societal, economic, and natural) in an efficient and equitable manner. Sustainability in Forest Grove means considering long-term environmental, economic, and social impacts of our actions. Sustainability prioritizes long-term needs over short-term gains to ensure that resources necessary to sustain life are available now and in the future.
3. **Consent Agenda & Review Minutes:** Lindsley changed “Dairy Creek Community Food Web” to “Dairy Creek Community food pantry garden”. Nieves moved to approve, Johnson seconded. Unanimous approval.
4. **Agenda Additions/Deletions:** None.
5. **Recycling Modernization Act Presentation – Sanne Stienstra:** Along with colleague, Cathy Brown, Stienstra presented the Recycling Modernization Act to the commission. Lindsley offered to send Stienstra and Brown the 2014 Sustainability Action Plan. Councilor Uhing asked how equity will be addressed, Lindsley asked how she could get information to the Forest Grove School District, and Arrigotti asked if studies regarding human behavior and willingness to comply have been conducted.
6. **Mini-Grant Application, Lisa Harings:** Harings presented the Santos Futbol Club program. Councilor Uhing asked questions related to gender equity, and Lindsley asked if the Club could partner with Adelante Mujeres to have a girls’ team. The commission discussed the request and compared the criteria to the commission’s mini-grant rubric. Vote: Johnson voted yes, Arrigotti voted no, Lindsley voted yes, Nieves voted no, and Uecker voted yes. The mini-grant for \$1000 was approved by the commission.
7. **Mini-Grant Community Education Opportunities:** The mini-grant flyer was approved by Nieves to distribute to the community. The commission discussed the Community Enhancement Program and mini-grant program processes.
8. **Burn Plan Discussion:** Johnson provided the Burn Plan Subcommittee update to the commission. The subcommittee compiled a list of questions for staff. The next subcommittee meeting will take place in early December, 2021.

- 9. Elect Interim Chair:** Nieves nominated Arrigotti and moved to vote. Johnson seconded. The commission unanimously approved Arrigotti as the interim chair.
- 10. Council Liaison Report:** Uhing updated the commission regarding events in the community and programs in the City. Johnson asked questions about affordable/low-income housing in Forest Grove.
- 11. Staff Report:** Downey updated the commission regarding Metro's multi-family waste collection updates and the new Program Coordinator hire.
- 12. Future Agenda Topics:** For the December meeting:
 - Burn Plan Update
 - Smart Cities: Councilor Uhing
 - Sesquicentennial Committee update: Lindsley
- 13. Adjournment:** Nieves adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Stover, Program Coordinator

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