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**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
ZOOM WEBINAR & COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES Approved by Commission February 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Interim Chair Arrigotti called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Sustainability Commission Present:

Elena Uhing

Tonya Johnson

Johanna Peeters Weem

Robin Lindsley

Greg Arrigotti

Steven Barnard

Holly Sackett

Absent, Unexcused: None.

Absent, Excused: Ed Uecker

Staff: Paul Downey, Elizabeth Stover, Rebeka Andrade

Guests: None.

1. Community Communications: None.

2. Commissioner Communications: Arrigotti read the Sustainability Commission mission statement. Lindsley reminded the commission that the Seed Swap will take place at St. Bede on February 26, 2022. Peeters Weem updated the commission that the Council recognized the Youth Advisory Council. There is an allowed maximum of 20 members, there are currently ten. Lindsley contacted Adelante Mujeres regarding a girls' soccer team, related to the Santos Futbol Club program that was presented at the November 2021 meeting. She did not receive an answer and will be following up again. Lindsley also had questions related to the Recycling Modernization Act presentation during the November 2021 meeting: was there any follow up from the presenters? Staff will contact Sanne Stienstra for more information. The commission conducted a round of introductions for the new member.

3. Consent Agenda & Review Minutes: Lindsley moved to approve agenda and minutes, Barnard seconded. Unanimous approval.

4. Agenda Additions/Deletions: Added agenda item to elect commission chair. In absence of Johnson and Uecker at this point in the meeting, Chair requested to move the Burn Plan Subcommittee update to the February meeting. Peeters Weem moved to approve and Barnard seconded. Unanimous approval.

5. Elect Chair: Peeters Weem moved to nominate Arrigotti for chair, Lindsley seconded. Five votes to elect Arrigotti as chair, Chair then moved to elect vice chair at the February meeting.

6. Sesquicentennial Committee Update: Lindsley was unable to attend the recent Sesquicentennial Committee meeting. Andrade and Downey updated the Commission on the current status of the Committee's activities, including budget issues and event calendar updates. Lindsley requested an additional commission member to help represent on the Sesquicentennial Committee.

7. **Smart Cities:** Councilor Uhing led a discussion about Smart Cities. Arrigotti read a definition of Smart Cities to the commission and asked Uhing what the Council's goal is for Forest Grove. Uhing requested data gathering and what might be useful to advise to the Council from the commission. Arrigotti suggested criteria: city growth, potential to monitor utilities for forecasting, and traffic concerns.
8. **Council Liaison Report:** Uhing updated the commission regarding events in the community and programs in the City including, but not limited to: House Bill 2001; American Rescue Plan Act fund allocations; levy; diversity, equity, and inclusion training; federal funding opportunities; Development Services Annex and City Hall construction and remodel; library's Death Café program; and Stites Park.
9. **Staff Report:** Downey updated the commission regarding Metro's solid waste multi-family collection standards, east side park developments, and business food waste. Uhing asked if the commission would have a role in outreach; Downey stated that it might not be necessary in Tier I but possibly during Tier III. Sackett brought up concerns about the compost program and accessibility for all residents. Downey stated that the City does not have resources available to deliver compost to residents, and he will see how many residents utilize the compost coupon.
10. **Future Agenda Topics:** For the February meeting:
 - Burn Plan Update – Uhing requests subcommittee to consider how underserved populations will be impacted financially by a burn ban.
 - Sesquicentennial Committee update: Lindsley.
 - Elect Vice Chair.
 - Food and Sustainability in Forest Grove – What we are doing, suggestions, and emergency preparedness: Lindsley.
 - Light & Power presentation/discussion regarding electric vehicle chargers in the city (potentially).
 - Mural project: Barnard.
 - Earth Day/Work Plan review.
11. **Adjournment:** Arrigotti adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Stover, Program Coordinator
City of Forest Grove
Approved by the Forest Grove Sustainability Commission:
Date: February 24, 2022