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**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
ZOOM WEBINAR & COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY, March 24, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES Approved by Commission on April 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Arrigotti called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Sustainability Commission Present:

Robin Lindsley
Tonya Johnson

Ed Uecker
Greg Arrigotti

Johanna Peeters Weem
Holly Sackett

Absent, Unexcused:

Absent, Excused: Steven Barnard, Elena Uhing

Staff: Paul Downey, Rebeka Andrade

Guests: April Hoff

A. Public Comment: No public comment

B. Commissioner Communications: Arrigotti read the Sustainability Commission mission statement. Lindsley shared with the commission the Community Food Web Plant Sale on Easter weekend Saturday April 16 from 11a.m.-3p.m. and Sunday April 17 from 1p.m.-3p.m. across from Tom McCall School.

C. Consent Agenda & Review Minutes: Lindsley presented some corrections to February meeting minutes. Peeters Weem moved to approve February minutes as corrected. Lindsley seconded. Unanimous approval.

D. Agenda Additions/Deletions: In absence of Barnard, Chair requested to remove item F3 Mural Update. In absence of Councilor Uhing, Chair requested to remove item F6 Earth Day/Work Plan Review. Lindsley moved to remove items F3 & F6 from agenda. Johnson seconded. Unanimous approval.

E. Presentations: April Hoff presented Artingales Grant Application for Print Day in May. The rubric rules for the Sustainability Commission states applicant needs to be a non-profit or school to apply. Suggested to find a partner that is non-profit that is willing to apply for grant funds on behalf of Artingales. Chair moved to approve the mini grant on the contingency a non-profit partner will apply on Artingales behalf. Lindsley seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Lindsley Noes: Johnson, Peeters Weem, Sackett, Arrigotti Abstained: Uecker. Motion failed 1-4 vote 1 abstained

F. Discussion Items:

1. Sustainability Commission Mini-Grant Advertisement:

\$1,700 funds available to be used until June 30, 2022.

Any unused funds will either roll over into the Community Enhancement Program funds balance or towards the Parks & Recreation Scholarship Program.

Andrade will send information to David Warner at the Forest Grove School District.

Johnson will advertise via social media.

2. Solar Feasibility:

Encourage and think about what can be done in town and city buildings in the way to use solar power.

Arrigotti shared findings from visit to City of Forest Grove Light and Power Department.

Commission had discussion about solar energy.

3. Climate Change:

Natural gas infrastructure in place for residential developments is used often for gas stoves and home heating and as a fossil fuel it takes a lot of energy and produces carbon dioxide. Oregon uses most energy comes from natural gas usage, while other states are banning natural gas infrastructure in new developments. Doing so only older buildings would be retrofitted otherwise there would be a need to cope with the carbon dioxide emissions. Alternatives could be efficient electric heating.

4. Burn Plan Discussion:

Subcommittee is currently working on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats analysis; city staff will delay the survey going out to June 15th reasoning for this is to go through the burn season before sending the survey out. Social media posts will be held off until June as well.

Subcommittee will schedule a meeting to discuss additional ways to make the survey accessible to residents.

G. Reports:

1. Council Liaison Report: No report in absence of Councilor Uhing.

2. Staff Liaison Report: Downey updated the commission regarding the natures need coupons, these have been sent out. Demolition of the old yellow Light and Power building will begin around May 9th, demolition to begin for the Development Services Annex building and as part of that project, record boxes were shredded to lean towards a more digitized record database. Engineering team is temporary located at the Light and Power training room, but will be moving to the second floor of the Assured Partners Insurance building. Council is probably going to in person meetings in April, they are not requiring boards and commissions to go to in person yet, but a hybrid alternative needs to be available. Question presented to the commission is if the commission would like to meet in person or stay in zoom? Commission reached a consensus to meet in person for the next meeting.

H. Future Agenda Topics:

- Trend in pantries
- Review work plan
- Earth Day 2023

Next Sustainability Commission meeting will take place April 28 at 6:00pm in person at the Community Auditorium located at 1915 Main Street.

I. Adjournment: Arrigotti adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Rebeka Andrade, Program Coordinator
City of Forest Grove

Approved by the Forest Grove Sustainability Commission
Date: April 28, 2022