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**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
ZOOM & COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES Approved by Commission.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Arrigotti called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Sustainability Commission Present:

Robin Lindsley	Johanna Peeters Weem	Greg Arrigotti
Ed Uecker	Steven Barnard	

Absent, Unexcused: None.

Absent, Excused: Holly Sackett, Tonya Johnson

Staff: Elizabeth Stover, Paul Downey

Guest: Donna Gustafson

Councilor: Elena Uhing

1. Public Comment: None.

2. Commissioner Communications: Peeters Weem stated the Forest Grove Youth Advisory Council (YAC) held a youth summit. The YAC also presented a proposed Climate Action Plan to City Councilor Wenzl.

3. Consent Agenda & Review Minutes: Peeters Weem moved to approve May minutes. Lindsley seconded. Unanimous approval.

4. Agenda Additions/Deletions: Uhing suggested moving the Work Plan to August, and add the Burn Plan update. Arrigotti moved to approve, Uecker seconded. Unanimous approval.

5. Guest: Councilor Donna Gustafson on Styrofoam Usage in Forest Grove: Gustafson provided an introduction, history, and general information about her interest in reducing Styrofoam usage and increase recycling options in Forest Grove. She also would like to see garbage cans around Forest Grove include separate recycling slots. Uhing suggested Gustafson bring the matter before Council. Lindsley stated the Farmers Market waste reduction team could speak to the Commission. Peeters Weem provided information about PlanetCon.

6. Burn Plan Discussion: Uecker updated the Commission about the current status of the Burn Plan research and proposal. He walked through the current draft. Uhing recommended additional staff (e.g., Fire Department staff) be present for the presentation of the recommendation to Council. Lindsley stated that street sweepers raise too much dust and dirt when they clean the streets. The Commission will finalize the draft and request a date to present to Council.

7. **Mural Update:** Barnard provided an update on the mural: it is complete. His class may do another mural at Rogers Park. The current mural will have a QR code added that will direct viewers to more information about the artwork.
8. **Council Liaison Report:** Uhing asked the Burn Plan Subcommittee to add a notation to the recommendation that states the cost of a burn ban would need to be considered for residents. Uhing also updated the Commission about the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training; the upcoming election cycle; the American Rescue Plan Act fund allocations; and National Night Out. Arrigotti gave a brief overview about the Clean Water Services tour his organization is offering.
9. **Staff Report:** Downey updated the Commission regarding the Program Coordinator recruitment status, and reminded the Commissioners to plan to provide an annual update to Council. Stover updated the Commission on the Communication Plan; the Development Services Annex/City Hall remodel building project, and the Cooling Center.
10. **Future Agenda Topics** for the May meeting:
 - Maura Olivos, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District
 - Johanna Peeters Weem, Youth Advisory Council (10 minutes)
 - Annual update to Council
 - Robin Lindsley, Sesquicentennial Committee (5 minutes)
11. **Adjournment:** Arrigotti adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Moved by Lindsley, seconded by Peeters Weem.

Respectfully Submitted by
Elizabeth Stover, Communications Coordinator
City of Forest Grove

Approved by the Forest Grove Sustainability Commission
Date: 10/27/2022