



A place where families and businesses thrive.

**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
ZOOM & COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES Unapproved by Commission

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Greg Arrigotti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Sustainability Commission Present:

Robin Lindsley Tonya Johnson Holly Sackett
Greg Arrigotti Steven Barnard

Absent, Unexcused: Michele Magallón-Casto,

Absent, Excused: None

Staff: Joyce Phillips, Paul Downey

Guest/Public: Cecelia Warner

Councilor: Elena Uhing – absent

- 1. Public Comment:** None
- 2. Commissioner Communications:** N/A
- 3. Consent Agenda & Review Minutes:** Johnson motioned to approve minutes, Barnard seconds.
- 4. Agenda Additions/Deletions:** Chair Arrigotti added a vote for the Vice-Chair replacement of Ed Uecker to the agenda.
- 5. Sustainability Co-Chair Nominations:** Chair Arrigotti opened nominations for the open Co-Chair position. Chair Arrigotti nominated Tonya Johnson. Seconded by Lindsley. Vote unanimously for Tonya Johnson as Co-chair.
- 6. Trash Bash Discussion – Cecelia Warner:** Cecelia Warner presented her litter pick-up event, called the Trash Bash to the Sustainability Commission at the May 25, 2023 meeting. This event will occur at Rogers Park on September 23, 2023. Commission members discussed their ability to take over the coordination of the event. Due to the short time frame and the amount of coordination of this event, the Sustainability Commission reached a consensus that they could not participate in this capacity. Cecelia was encouraged to come back and present again in the fall for the 2024 Trash Bash event for the consideration of the Sustainability Commissions' support and involvement.
- 7. Work Plan Discussion:** No new updates regarding the Work Plan.

- 8. Update of Food Secure Forest Grove Sustainability:** Johnson asked: What are the options to promote? Website, newsletter? Arrigotti stated the City's website will not work as it is a governmental entity, not allowed to show preference. Tonya stated that they can supply stories to the What's Growing On City newsletter. Arrigotti suggested that Food Secure Forest Grove interacts with several nonprofits to create a repository of information, which would link back to those sources. Lindsley discussed the focus on collaboration with other resources. Arrigotti asked if there are any actionable items. The book suggested by Robin: Building Community Food Webs, author Ken Mentor.
- 9. Open Discussion, Including Styrofoam:** Chair Arrigotti and Vice Chair Johnson will get together on EV's and discuss her new role as VP. Sackett reported on the research she conducted regarding Styrofoam recycling, she learned that VanDyke's takes theirs to Tigard. She has yet to hear back from PlanetCon regarding her questions. Steven discussed how the FG School District goals can align with the Sustainability Commission. The current school gardens will continue to be funded and a coordinator has been officially identified.
- 10. Council Report:** – N/A
- 11. Staff Report:** Adopted the fiscal budget. Time, Place, and Manner ordinance will be in effect on July 26, 2023. Working on the website redesign. Civic Plus was chosen and CivicClerk was added. Light & Power looking into more EV incentives for electric bikes and possibly lights. The Council subcommittee is reviewing the purpose of all Boards & Commissions. Will decide on what B&Cs will remain and which will be eliminated.
- 12. Future Agenda Topics** for the next meeting: Food Secure Forest Grove subcommittee updates. Actionable Items on the work plan. Continued involvement in the FG School District, how can Sustainability be involved?
- 13. Adjournment:** Arrigotti adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Moved by Arrigotti, seconded by Barnard. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Joyce Phillips, Communications/Programs Assistant City
of Forest Grove

Approved by the Forest Grove Sustainability Commission
Date:

