

Climate and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (CEPAC)

Draft Minutes

May 8, 2025, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

51 Winburn Way Ashland, OR 97520

1. Call to Order

1.1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS- Bryan Sohl, Mark Morrison, Kip Barrett, Gary Shaff, Sharon Dohrmann, Sidney Brown, Jennie Christopherson

PRESENT: OPEN POSITIONS: 1

ABSENT: Eric Ahnmark

1.1. CITY COUNCIL: Bob Kaplan and Jeff Dahle

1.2. STAFF: Chad Woodward

2. Consent Agenda

2.1. Minutes- Approved.

Motion to approve made by Morrison. Seconded by Brown. Approved unanimously.

3. Updates/Announcements

3.1. Council Update – Jeff Dahle & Bob Kaplan- RVTD presentation to council: needs budget support from the state. First reading of climate friendly areas ordinance. Approved with a few amendments. Second reading has been scheduled.

3.2. Staff Update –

3.2.1.Chad Woodward- RESP loan follow up- attorney has discussed with RUS and CEPAC needs to consider parameters put in place to pledge revenues.

-DEQ rebates will be back on 5-22-2025. Restructured price breakdown.

-Earth Day event was successful.

-Pole Mounted Chargers- areas to be identified and evaluated by the Electric Department to determine if they will be in compliance with the PUC.

-BPA changing implementation manual- Pass through heat pumps for lodging will be decreased. Criteria will be adjusted to be more widely available.

-New chargers up and running at full capacity.

-Proposed Conservation budget hasn't been presented in detail but is available.

3.3. Chair Update –

3.3.1.Bryan Sohl- CIP project presentation. Bikes and transportation make up about 7% of the anticipated expenses. Safe routes to schools are not included. Hersey St. bicycle boulevard only added if paid for by a grant.

4. Old Business

4.1. Incentives- Barrett- in progress. Full read out being edited before presenting before the committee. Equitability within the proposal discussed. Works within the budget that has been proposed. Need to focus on a few areas of outreach that would be most impactful. Feedback will be needed before being taken to Council.

4.2. Recology Waste Stream Education Plans- Ahnmark solidified June 16-20th as the waste stream sampling period. Details to be discussed in the June CEPAC meeting and volunteers are needed.

4.3. CEAP Update (Chad)- Presentation made to outline the tasks to be completed to update the CEAP. The presentation focused on the path to reconcile concerns while maintaining the integrity of the original document. The Council must be updated on targets, benchmarks, and actions. Update to focus on local impact on measurable targets. Focus on transportation emissions.

Motion for Woodward to continue with his CEAP update work and recommend that the CEPAC begins to track what has been outlined. Made by Barrett. Seconded by Morrison. Discussion followed. Approved Unanimously.

5. New Business

5.1. Committee Membership

5.1.1.Openings – Rick Barth’s seat is now open. Piper Banks and Kiera Retiz student seats are now open. Bryan Sohl seat open January 1.

5.1.2.Applicants. – Ross Winters has communicated with me an interest. Sohl has reached out to RCAT regarding students. Sohl requested a new person apply for chair position. Chairs now can only hold the position for two terms.

5.1.3.Leadership for 2026-

5.2. CEPAC leadership for 2026

5.2.1.Chair- Open January 1st.

5.2.2.Vice-Chair- Open January 1st.

5.3. Shared document protocol

5.3.1.Briefly discussed the idea of a two-page or 800-character summary to accompany any shared large documents.

6. Adjourn-6:00 pm

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May 21, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

1195 E. Main St Ashland, OR 97520

1. Call to Order

1.1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Bryan Sohl, Mark Morrison, Sidney Brown, Gary Shaff

1.2. CITY COUNCIL: N/A

1.3. STAFF: Chad Woodward

1.4. OTHER: N/A

2. Discussion: The meeting focused on discussing transportation revenue options for funding pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure to reduce transportation emissions. The group discussed transportation revenue options and funding strategies for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements in Ashland, with a focus on developing recommendations for the city council. They reviewed various funding options. The group agreed to prioritize projects, seek endorsements from relevant committees, and develop a funding proposal while considering alignment with the city's strategic plan and climate initiatives.

3. Adjourned