

Climate and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (CEPAC)

Draft Minutes

June 12, 2025

1. Call to Order

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

OPEN POSITIONS: 3

ABSENT: n/a

1.1. CITY COUNCIL: Bob Kaplan

1.2. STAFF: Chad Woodward

2. Consent Agenda

2.1. Minutes- Approved.

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

3. Public Forum

3.1. Cat Gould- spoke in favor of a dark sky initiative.

4. Updates/Announcements

4.1. Council Update

4.1.1. Bob Kaplan- Slow month for council. Climate Friendly Areas overlay & reading has been approved. Recology presentation.

4.2. Staff Update – Chad Woodward- Finance working with Chad to define loan application parameters for qualifications before it's taken to administration. Facilities studies and use report will be completed by end of summer. Transportations Advisory Committee (TAC) have not finalized their outreach- still in process; need to hire contractor. Charging smart- Forth Mobility grading system to determine effectiveness of EV charging availability. Solar For All- no timeline for implementation. Investigation of how to move forward with CREP. The annual clean fuels report has been finalized. The city of Bend is working on their clean air ordinance.

4.3. Chair Update – Bryan Sohl-

4.3.1. CEPAC Openings – Rick Barth seat is now open. Student seats of Piper Banks and Kiera Retiz are now open. Bryan Sohl seat open January 1.

4.3.1.1. Applicants- 1) Rook Howes, SOU Student and RCAT member has communicated an interest in joining CEPAC. Application has been submitted. Sohl/Kaplan/Dahle meeting with candidate for coffee

June 17. 2) Ross Winters, who attended the last meeting, withdrew his application. Chair - Schedule of upcoming meetings

4.3.2. Schedule of upcoming meetings: CEPAC; July 10, August 14 (Social gathering/Dinner), Sept 11 (Sohl absent). Expand the November meeting to a 4-4 ½ hour dinner meeting. Study Sessions July 09 – Urban Land Use, Transportation Follow-up City Operations. August 13 – Electrification of Existing Buildings (New Berkeley Ordinance). Sept 24 – City Operations

5. Old Business

5.1. Incentives Update – (Kip, Mark, Chad). Presented an analysis of incentives for various energy-efficient technologies, focusing on reducing carbon emissions and aligning city incentives with BPA standards. The team discussed adjusting incentive amounts to better align with BPA's electric-to-electric incentives. Particular attention was on heat pumps, EVs, and hot water heat pumps. In addition to pegging incentives to BPA amounts, the four items above would have an incentive multiplier of 2 for lower-income households to better bridge the gap between current costs and lower-carbon options. There was also a new incentive suggested for circuit upgrades and new panel installations. These would also benefit from a 2x multiplier for low/moderate income families.

Motion made by Barrett for CEPAC to endorse the proposed incentive expansion for the next biennium; staff to report details to Council. Seconded by Morrison. Discussion followed about adjusting the motion to include other incentives. Motion passed 7-1.

5.2. Recology Waste Stream Survey Plans, and Composting Update- Emails sent out with all information- volunteers needed for multiple days at the Valley View Transfer Station. Commercial and residential studies are both happening.

5.3. Dark Sky Study Session Report – Economic Development?

6. New Business

6.1. Urban, Land Use, Transportation- historically bicycle transportation has not been a priority compared to general road maintenance. New revenue sources need to be considered to fund alternative projects. Public engagement and consultants will ultimately determine what projects fit into the TSP outline. No chair support from the TAC is to be expected. Processes need to be established to inform the public of alternative transportation options. Discussion followed.

7. Wrap Up

8. Adjourn-6:00pm

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1.2. CITY COUNCIL: N/A

1.3. STAFF: Chad Woodward

1.4. OTHER: Michael McKeag, Cat Gould, Sooney Viani

- 2. Discussion:** The meeting focused on discussing Dark Sky certification for the city. The discussion included balancing safety concerns with light pollution reduction and exploring various approaches to achieve dark sky certification. Michael, an expert on dark sky initiatives, provided detailed information about proper lighting shielding, color temperature requirements, and the process for becoming a Dark Sky Community, sharing examples from other Oregon cities like Sisters and Antelope. The group also reviewed sky quality measurements from Ashland High School and discussed potential methods for monitoring and reducing light pollution, including the use of handheld meters and educational outreach programs.

3. Adjourned