

Climate and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (CEPAC)

September 12, 2024 4-6PM

51 Winburn Wy. Ashland, Oregon 97520

1. Call to Order

1.1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS-

PRESENT: Kip Barrett, Richard Barth, Sidney Brown, Eric Ahnmark, Mark Morrisson, Sharon Dohrmann, Gary Shaff, Cat Gould, Jennie Christopherson

ABSENT: Piper Banks, Kiera Reitz, Bryan Sohl, Becs Walker

1.1. CITY COUNCIL: none

1.2. STAFF: Chad Woodward

Welcome Jennie Christopherson New CEPAC member, Kira Welch – potential CEPAC Member as SOU Standing member, John Mackin.

2. Public Forum-

2.1. Jamie Rosenthal- Wishes to apply for a position on the CEPAC. Discussed her departure from Recology.

3. Consent Agenda-

3.1. Minutes- Approved.

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

4. Guest Presentations-

4.1. Derek Severson- City Planning Dept. and CFA Outside Contractor- Introduced work that's beginning and future plans to implement Climate Friendly Areas (CFA's) in Ashland. Scott Fregonese introduced and discussed background of CFA project. Focus on multimodal transportation efforts. Goal is to have 30% of community within a CFA. In Ashland, the Transportation Triangle and Croman Mills districts are the main focuses. Elizabeth Decker discussed land use and zoning (Key CFA Requirements). Discussed minimum density requirements, building height needs to accommodate density, & code analysis of each CFA property options. Becky Hewitt discussed market considerations and development opportunities for each CFA Area. Discussion followed.

4.2. Southern Oregon Food Solutions- Flavia Franco- Non-profit, volunteer group to dispose of food waste in a meaningful way. 15% of greenhouse gasses are from household food disposal. Their group collects and coordinates pickup of urban food waste to donate to local farms. 24% of municipal solid waste is from food. Focus on prevention, donations, and then composting. Community compost is a viable option for those who cannot compost at home. Replenishes carbon into the soil.

5. Updates/Announcements

5.1. Council Update – Jeff Dahle & Bob Kaplan- Not present.

5.2. Staff Update –

5.2.1. Chad Woodward- RESP loan underway. Home energy score deployment on his to-do list. EV car share paperwork has been legally reviewed & signed to be moved to new location. Ordinance work under review: upcoming study session with City Council.

5.3. Vice-Chair Update –

5.3.1. Mark Morrison-

5.3.1.1. Meeting time reminder - second Thursday, 4-6pm (10/10, 11/14, 12/12)

5.3.1.2. Upcoming CEPAC Work Study Meetings: 9/11 – None, 9/25 – Tentative - Small Engine Open House, 10/9 – nothing planned, 10/23 & 11/9 Work Planning for 2025

5.4. Other Committee Members Update-

5.4.1.1. Sharon Dohrman- new ED is assisting in getting additional grants secured. New website revamp on the way. Need board members: please send applications.

5.4.2. Recology update – Eric Ahnmark

- 5.4.2.1.** Food Composting- No estimate on a timeline for providing a composting service company wide. Opportunity for a Pilot Program at the Water St. station.
- 5.4.2.2.** CEPAC Visit to Recology Transfer Station- CEPAC requests to take a tour of the transfer station in advance of the waste characterization study in the spring.
- 5.4.2.3.** Transfer station to begin a battery disposal program. Free service until rate study is done in July of 2025.
- 5.4.2.4.** Lithium-ion battery fires are the #1 issue for waste collection companies. Several recent fires causing massive damages and reduction of fleet vehicles.

6. Old Business-

6.1. Small Engine / Gas Powered Law & Garden Equipment – Gary Shaff

- 6.1.1.1.** CEPAC Discussion on Process, Goals, Community Involvement- Skipped presentation. Strategy implemented to phase outdated equipment over two years. Incentive program needed to make program more accessible. Public open house proposed to share strategy & incentivize the community. Contact licensed lawn and garden companies in town to inform them of opportunities to weigh in. ASD, Ashland Parks, and SOU being reached out as well since they are major users in town.

7. Wrap Up

8. Adjourn-6:00PM