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**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
ZOOM WEBINAR & COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY, February 24, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

MEETING MINUTES Approved by Commission March 24, 2022

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

Sustainability Commission Present:

Robin Lindsley	Ed Uecker	Steven Barnard
Tonya Johnson	Greg Arrigotti	Holly Sackett
Johanna Peeters Weem		

Absent, Unexcused:

Absent, Excused: Elena Uhing

Staff: Paul Downey, Elizabeth Stover, Rebeka Andrade

Guests: Eddie Littlefield, Keith Hormann, Michelle Stromberg

- 1. Public Comment:** No public comment
- 2. Commissioner Communications:** Arrigotti read the Sustainability Commission mission statement. No updates from commissioners.
- 3. Consent Agenda & Review Minutes:** Peeters Weem moved to approve January minutes. Johnson seconded. Unanimous approval.
- 4. Agenda Additions/Deletions:** In absence of Councilor Uhing, Chair requested to remove items #11 Earth Day/ Work Day Plan Review & #12 Council Liaison Report, unanimous approval.
- 5. Elect Vice Chair:** Chair requested any self-nominations or if commissioners would like to nominate others for vice chair. Johnson nominated Uecker. Uecker accepted nomination. Nomination seconded by Sackett. Vote: unanimous approval.
- 6. Light & Power Presentation:** Eddie Littlefield & Michelle Stromberg presented on electric vehicle chargers & energy conservation measures.
- 7. Sesquicentennial Committee update:** Lindsley provided an update on the community orchard planting. Downey clarified that the sesquicentennial committee is not asking groups to organize and come up with their own finances for an event, most events are normal annual events, there are a few new programs. The 1st Wednesday in October is the actual 150th anniversary, looking to expand it as part of the Farmer's Market. Andrade informed the commission the next sesquicentennial meeting has been scheduled for March 15.

- 8. Mural update:** Barnard provided an update on the mural. Designs will be coming in the next week and April will be the time to begin putting paint on the wall. The mural is going on the building next to the post office. The Pacific Art Department is doing this mural based on a Sustainability & Outdoor Education theme.
- 9. Food and Sustainability:** Lindsley discussed the operations shown on the Circle of Food poster and how this can be connected in Forest Grove. Reminded the commission about the Seed Swap on Saturday 11am St. Bede Episcopal Church located at 1609 Elm St. Contact Lindsley for any donations to contribute. Further discussion on more technical issues like refrigeration will be arranged.
- 10. Burn Plan Discussion:** Johnson provided an update on the draft survey. Provided updates on findings from conversation with Washington County. This is solely for backyard burning only, not wood stove burning. Uecker is in communication with a waste management contact to clarify questions on extra yard debris cans and what other avenues are available if people cannot burn.
- 11. Staff Report:** Downey updated the commission regarding the council to review a replacement levy presented on Monday, bid documents in final review for Stites park, Fresh Food store final designs moving along, final funding for Development Services Annex will also be presented to council on Monday, paperless utility billing testing in March, and Community Enhancement Program sustainability mini-grant update that funds will not roll over. Andrade updated the commission from January follow up on Recycling Modernization Act.
- 12. Future Agenda Topics:** For the March meeting:
- Advertise for remaining CEP funds
 - Feasibility solar study/ putting in community solar array
 - Earth day | April 22
 - Burn Plan update
 - Climate Change
 - Trend in pantries
- 13. Adjournment:** Arrigotti adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Johnson seconded.

Respectfully Submitted by
Rebeka Andrade, Program Coordinator
City of Forest Grove

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Date: March 24, 2022