

Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee
City of Oregon
Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday August 10th, 2026, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

City Hall Conference Room
115 N. 3rd Street, Oregon, IL 61061

Public Access to Zoom Meeting

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1. Public Comment
2. Approve July 13th, 2026, Minutes
3. Old Business
 - a. Eco Oregon
 - b. 2nd Street Native Planting
 - c. Rock River Clean Up
4. New Business
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

Committee Members

Melanie Cozzi, Tim Benedict,
Joyce Lewis, Tom Pacey, Steve Rypkema, Vic Zaderej
Ex. Officio Member Darin DeHaan, City Manager

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Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Monday July 13th, 2026, at 9 am.

Present: Tim Benedict, Melanie Cozzi, Darin DeHaan, Cheryl Hilton, Joyce Lewis, Tom Pacey, Steve Rypkema, and Vic Zaderej.

Meeting called to order at 9:00.

No public comment.

Tom Pacey moved to approve the minutes of June 8th, 2026, Seconded by Tim Benedict.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Eco Oregon: Darin will complete the online form this week.

2nd Street Native Plants: The city did not receive the Open Land grant through ComEd. Vic and Tom committed to be on the sub-committee to collaborate with consultant Austin Webb to finalize vision and footprint of the project.

Rock River Clean-Up: Steve updated the spreadsheet used last year and has reached out to volunteers from last year. Melanie will update the marketing flyer this week. They discussed sending the press release out earlier this year as well as social media boosting on Facebook and creating a short video from last year's event.

New Business: Joyce said the health department is waiting for results from the USDA Food Promotion Grant they applied for. The grant would help facilitate the background work for two years for a co-op grocery store. Tom Pacey said he is still waiting to hear back about the Bird City designation. He said a representative would come to a city council meeting to present the award if designation is approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

2nd Street Prairie Proposal- Prescribed Restoration LLC

August 5, 2026

Define area with flagging, marking paint, or both. Recommend at least two mower widths (10-12') from sidewalks and gravel entry lane. Signage for public. (City)

Herbicide the defined area in late August/early September. (Gallentine LLC) (\$1,500)

Mow only as needed to keep the area from becoming unsightly. (City)

Spot treatment (herbicide with backpack) in October as needed. (City or Prescribed Restoration) (\$0-\$150)

Apply for an IL EPA Open Burn Permit. (Tom Pacey)

Burn off the dead thatch in October/November. (Park District, Oregon Fire Department, Volunteers?)

Custom Seed Mix, 48 species. (Prairie Moon) (\$)

Spread seed in Winter. (SWCD) (\$)

First growing season monitor and spot treatment of weeds as necessary. (Prescribed Restoration) (\$0-\$150)

First growing season mow only as necessary. Mow planting in November. (Prescribed Restoration) (\$500-\$1,000)

Second growing season monitor and spot treatment of weeds as necessary. (Prescribed Restoration) (\$800)

Second growing season mow only as necessary. (\$0-\$500)

Third growing season monitor and respond to any weeds. (Prescribed Restoration) (\$500)

Apply for an IL EPA Open Burn Permit (Tom Pacey)

Attempt a Spring Burn (Park District, Oregon Fire Department, Volunteers?)

Fourth growing season establish long-term infrastructure (trails, benches, signs) and begin to add plugs to increase diversity to the prairie. Recruit volunteers to help with monitoring, burning, weeding, planting plugs, etc. On a small prairie are all these tasks that are manageable for volunteers.

Total:

Proposed area:



Proposed native seed list:

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Wild Onion
<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Lead Plant
<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>	Thimbleweed
<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>	Cat's Foot
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed
<i>Aster azureus</i>	Sky-blue Aster
<i>Aster ericoides</i>	Heath Aster
<i>Aster laevis</i>	Smooth Aster
<i>Aster sericeus</i>	Silky Aster
<i>Baptisia leucantha</i>	White Wild Indigo
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Side-Oats Grama
<i>Carex bicknellii</i>	Bicknell's Sedge

<i>Carex muhlenbergii</i>	Sand Bracted Sedge
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea
<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	Prairie Coreopsis
<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i>	Shooting Star
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	(Pale) Purple Coneflower
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Rattlesnake Master
<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Flowering Spurge
<i>Helianthus occidentalis</i>	Western Sunflower
<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i> var. <i>grayana</i>	Prairie Alum Root
<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	Round-headed Bush Clover
<i>Liatris aspera</i>	Rough Blazing Star
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot (Bee Balm)
<i>Panicum oligosanthos</i>	Scribner's Panic Grass
<i>Panicum villosissimum</i>	White-Haired Panic Grass
<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	Wild Quinine, American Feverfew
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beard Tongue
<i>Petalostemum candidum</i>	White Prairie Clover
<i>Petalostemum purpureum</i>	Purple Prairie Clover
<i>Phlox pilosa</i> var. <i>fulgida</i>	Prairie Phlox
<i>Potentilla arguta</i>	Prairie Cinquefoil
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Slender Mountain Mint
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow/Gray-headed Coneflower
<i>Rosa carolina</i>	Pasture Rose
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem
<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Compass Plant
<i>Silphium terebinthaceum</i>	Prairie Dock
<i>Sisyrinchium albidum</i>	Common Blue-Eyed Grass
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie Dropseed
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Common Spiderwort
<i>Verbena stricta</i>	Hoary Vervain
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders

From Proposal provided by Austin Webb (Prescribed Restoration LLC)

<-- indicates estimate

Time	Action	Cost (minimum)	Cost (maximum)	Responsible Party	Notes
Aug/Sept 2026	Herbicide - site prep x2	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	Gallentine LLC OR City Public Works	If Public Works - 'cost' may be lower?
October 2026	Herbicide - spot treatment as needed	\$ -	\$ 150.00	Prescribed Restoration LLC	
ASAP	Seed purchase - Prairie Moon	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	Prescribed Restoration LLC	
Winter 2026	Seeding	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	OC Soil and Water Conservation District	OC SCWD cost might be lower - confirm with Darin
1st growing season (2027)	Monitor and spot treatment as needed	\$ -	\$ 150.00	Prescribed Restoration LLC	
1st growing season (2027)	Mow only as necessary and in November	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	Prescribed Restoration LLC	
2nd growing season (2028)	Monitor and spot treatment as needed	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	Prescribed Restoration LLC	
2nd growing season (2028)	Mow only as necessary	\$ -	\$ 500.00	Prescribed Restoration LLC	
3rd growing season (2029)	Monitor and respond to weeds as necessary	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	Prescribed Restoration LLC	
		\$ 5,300.00	\$ 6,600.00		