Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee

City of Oregon

Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday November 9th, 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 October 13th, 2026, Minutes
3. Old Business
    a. Eco Oregon
4. New Business
    a. Terrace Native Plants
    b. 2027 Focus
    c. FY27 Budget
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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The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Tuesday October 13th, 2026, at 9 am.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

No public comment.

Tom Pacey moved to approve the minutes of September 9th, 2026, Seconded by Steve Rypkema.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Rock River Clean-Up: Steve Rypkema provided a summary of the event. There were twenty-eight participants. They discussed coordination with Dixon and trying to complete multiple events throughout the year on a smaller scale, similar to the adopt a highway program. Steve said he will provide the committee with information about Living Lands and Waters Adopt a River Mile program. Darin suggested sending out a survey to volunteers and the community. The committee also discussed recruiting volunteers from local businesses, church/youth groups, and sport groups and clubs.

Eco Oregon: The committee finalized the tiers and recognitions to be received for each tier achieved. Bronze level will receive a window cling and be listed on the city website. Silver level will receive a window cling, be listed on the city website, recognition in the city newsletter, social media post and LED sign at Sarah Phelps as well as receiving a certificate. Gold level will receive all recognition from the previous levels with the addition of a plaque and recognition at a City Council meeting. Steve also said that while they receive all this recognition, they will also save money. They discussed adding the tier levels and achievements to the application. The program will be rolled out to all at one time and a news release will be made when the committee is ready.

New Business-2027 Focus: Creating a budget. They also discussed reviewing current city ordinances related to sustainability. Darin suggested the committee review the new subdivision ordinance. The committee will review the current sustainability plan for other projects and would like to add an addendum for the projects that have been completed.

Steve Rypkema moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34am, Seconded by Tim Benedict.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton

18.12.040 Maintenance Of Residential Parkways

A. All residential parkways in the city shall be planted with grass or comparable ground vegetation if grass is unable to grow, and same shall be maintained, mowed or trimmed by the owners of the private property immediately adjacent thereto. No grass or comparable ground vegetation shall be permitted to grow to a height of more than six inches. Any residential parkway not so maintained shall be declared to be a public nuisance and may be abated by the city pursuant to this Code.

B. No residential parkway shall be covered or paved with concrete, asphalt, stone or other hard surface except by written approval of the director of public works or his/her designee.

C. Citizens have a right to petition for a variance.

(Code 1970, § 3-8-4; Code 1987, § 9-44; Ord. No. 2017-109, § 9-44, 9-26-2017)

HISTORY
Amended by Ord. 2023-009 on 4/25/2023