

**CITY OF SILVERTON
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

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AGENDA

- I. **OPENING CEREMONIES** – Call To Order & Roll Call
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 17, 2021
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Items not on this agenda
- IV. **AGENDA ITEMS** –
 - 4.1 Update Survey Questions
 - 4.2 Discuss Method of Future Meetings – Zoom or In-Person
- V. **COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS** – An opportunity for members to share topics not on this agenda
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

CITY OF SILVERTON
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Web Conference Platform

May 19, 2021, 3:00 PM

I. OPENING CEREMONIES – Call to Order & Roll Call

Chairperson Miller called the Meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present	Absent	
X	_____	Chairperson, Jess Miller
X	_____	Mike Ashland
X	_____	Dodie Brockamp
X	_____	Chris Linn
X	_____	Richard Freeman
X	_____	Sara Hastings
_____	_____	Vacant
_____	X	Petra Schuetz, Ex-Officio Member, City of Silverton
X	_____	Travis Comfort, Ex-Officio Member, Republic Services

Staff Present: City Manager, Ron Chandler; Public Works Coordinator, Chelsea Starner

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ashland made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 17, 2021, Member Linn seconded. All signified approval as presented. Chairperson Miller called for introductions of members and presenters. He introduced two new members, Chris Linn and Dodie Brockamp.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

III. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Sustainable Outreach/Education Efforts through Marion County - Dakota Tangredi

Dakota Tangredi the new Marion County Waste Reduction Coordinator discussed his role and the role of others in the Environmental Services Department. He said he is part of a food waste reduction service program for schools. He discussed other areas he is working on including working with multi-family apartment buildings for recycling and waste reduction. He said another big education program is Master Recyclers which is in the process of a program change. Member Hastings asked if any Silver Falls School Districts are participating in the waste reduction program. She also asked about apartment complexes in the Silverton area. Mr. Tangredi said recent examples in Silver Falls are Scotts Mills and Silverton Middle School; both have done milk audits and installed milk dispensers. He said due to staffing issues multi-family outreach has been on hold. He said they want to branch out to more rural communities.

3.2 Recommendations for Environmentally conscious infrastructure - Sustainable Silverton

Chairperson Miller discussed potential funding opportunities related to the topic. Charles Baldwin and Scott Walker presented information related to the Silverton Energy Plan and the attached document Climate Action Recommendations for the City of Silverton, Oregon. Mr. Baldwin noted after a Council Resolution was passed to approve the study, the materials were passed to University of Oregon to make formal recommendations. He referenced the attached document which was emailed to the Committee just prior to the meeting. He said his organization has worked with the Committee for several years and would like to continue the partnership with the City.

Member Hastings referenced the attachment and asked what the intent is for moving forward with the steps involved, in the wake of COVID. Mr. Baldwin noted City of Corvallis made a successful program by forming a number of committees to put on educational programs and offer suggestions to City of Corvallis and the County. Mr. Baldwin noted several local Silverton organizations and schools who are currently working together.

Mr. Baldwin mentioned the volunteer who has been working to repopulate the Oregon White Oak trees damaged in the ice storm.

Mr. Walker discussed the Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) grant that is pending for Silverton. He mentioned water rate charges which are based on use only rather than a base charge system which may encourage people to reduce water use. Mr. Baldwin noted Mr. Walker was instrumental in assisting with the donation of Oregon White Oak trees to plant on school property. He commented on the EarthWISE certifications at the City and the City's Green Team. He said his organization would like to work with the City on structure building requirements that might be more environmentally sustainable. Chairperson Miller asked if they are able to take tax deductible donations. Mr. Baldwin said they collect through another organization.

Mr. Baldwin noted that the Silverton Middle School and Robert Frost were both previously Green Schools. He said he has asked the schools if they would be interested in starting again. Robert Frost has indicated they would like to continue the garden program and Mr. Baldwin's organization and others have helped to prepare the garden area for the school.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION – NEW BUSINESS

Note: No topics on agenda.

Chairperson Miller asked staff if the bike lane on McClaine Street will be thermoplastic. City Manager Ron Chandler said that the product installed will be thermoplastic for the bike lanes. Ms. Starner noted the center stripe will be traffic paint. City Manager Ron Chandler noted that all other markings will be thermoplastic.

Chairperson Miller said the Council wants to readdress the arborist assessment for the trees at Eugene Field in the wake of losing so many trees in the February ice storm. Mr. Baldwin said his organization has an arborist as a member and may be able to help with this.

Chairperson Miller said the intersection at A and Front Streets has been discussed by City Council but a decision has not been made. Member Linn asked where the location is exactly; Chairperson Miller gave a landmark reference to specify the North West end of the property.

Chairperson Miller noted there has been Council discussion about what types of solar options might be used in the Civic Center design. He asked if Mr. Baldwin had more details on the options. Mr. Baldwin shared information about other organizations who will be passing more options to City staff soon. He said he recommends the Committee discuss the subject further.

Mr. Baldwin encouraged the Committee to ask Council to authorize the Committee to study all funding options available. Chairperson Miller made a motion for the Committee to make a recommendation to the City Council to explore all funding options for the solarization of the Civic Center and to authorize City staff to look in to all of the funding options available. Member Linn motioned, Member Hastings seconded. All signified approval. Member Freeman asked if the Civic Center plans are finalized and City Manager Ron Chandler said not yet. Member Hastings asked Mr. Baldwin for clarification; is he asking for other groups additional to City staff, to assist with researching funding options. Member Linn and Mr. Charles indicated yes. Chairperson Miller asked if the

Committee would like to revise the motion to state that the Environmental Management Committee could look in to all of the funding options available. Member Linn indicated yes. Member Hastings Seconded. There was no opposition to the change.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION – OLD BUSINESS – Topics to discuss at this meeting or future meetings

5.1 Saturday Recycling Center

Chairperson Miller noted the list of questions in the packet. Mr. Baldwin said he would like to see the Committee add Styrofoam recycling to the list. He noted a presentation to his organization by Agilyx. Ms. Starner said the Styrofoam recycling topic has been presented to the Committee and discussed. Member Comfort asked if the Committee would like to attach a mission statement to explain why the survey is being provided. Member Ashland asked to clarify that the survey is just to obtain information on who is using the service. Member Comfort said yes and noted there is a new operation supervisor at Republic. He said their staff is not going to be able to conduct the survey but they can hire someone and pass the cost to the City. Member Ashland said the simple question is whether or not they are in the 97381 zip code. Member Ashland said initially the service was created to serve people not in the City limits. Member Comfort said his long time staff members also say this is why the Saturday recycling was established. He noted that recycling used to be a commodity but that is no longer the case.

5.2 EMC Goals - Members briefly discussed the provided list and would like to revisit at the next meeting.

5.3 Oregon's Shared Responsibility Recycling System Legislation - Chairperson Miller asked to remove topic until more information comes out.

VI. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS - None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Attachment:

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/Chelsea Starner, Public Works Coordinator

Environmental Management Committee August 18, 2021

Agenda Item 4.1: Questions for Saturday Recycling Survey

Member	Question
Miller	Are users inside the Silverton city-limits, outside the city-limits but in Silverton, or just in Marion County?
	Are they using curbside? Do they have access to curbside? Are they exceeding their curbside capacity?
	How often do they use the service; once a month, once a week, twice a month?
Petrik	What are they dropping off?
	Can the items be put in their recycling bin, or can they be dropped off elsewhere?
Sears	Are other items they would like to be able to recycle?
	Would be inconvenient if the site were only open once a month?
Hastings	When did the person last utilize the services?