

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

City of Spokane

Sustainability Action Subcommittee Steering Committee (SC)

May 2, 2023

Call to Order: 5:35pm

Attendance

Steering Committee Members Present: Larry Luton, Naghmana Sherazi, Matt Hollon, Michelle Howard, Brian Henning, Ester Angell, Pragya Rai, Stacie Maier

Staff/Others Present: Kelly Thomas, Tony Newton, Kerry Brooks, Jim Hedemark, Luke Cashman, Linda Carroll, Lisa Gardner

Absent: Dave Garegnani, Erica Johnson, Jennifer Thomas, Mindy Howard, Rowena Pineda, Sarah Burruss

Note Taker: Tony Newton

Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Any objections to the minutes?
 - i. Correction to the minutes- Rowena Pineda name correction
 - b. No motion needed. Minutes approved.
2. Chair Report
 - a. Ryan Lok submitted his resignation from the steering committee
 - i. In discussion about his replacement
 - ii. 3 members of the steering committee have resigned
 - b. EWU Urban Planning Event
 - i. 10am-10:45am by RJ Lot, City of Pullman
 - ii. May 10th
 1. Partnership Pullman and Commerce did to incorporate climate guidance into policy
 - c. Future Presentations
 - i. Presentation from the Natural Environment Workgroup on the May 17th
 - ii. Presentation from the Water Resources Workgroup on June 6th

- d. Spokesman Review Article- ["Celebrate efforts big and small to protect the environment"](#) by Jennifer Thomas as public affairs director for the Spokane Home Builders Association
- 3. General Facility Charges
 - a. Included in a resolution to be consulted on this subject
 - i. The city council is asking for us to look at this
 - b. What are items that we would like to be considered?
 - c. What things that people would like to hear in the presentation?
 - i. How are similar sized communities to Spokane, utilizing GFCs? Please provide examples.
 - ii. How would this protect low-income populations? How could this protect low-income populations?
 - iii. POINT OF ORDER
 - 1. There is a request from a non-steering committee member to record this meeting
 - 2. Previously been talked about and the group has decided that they will not record
- 4. Transportation and Land use Workgroup Presentation by Kerry Brooks and Linda Carroll
 - a. If there is substantial overlap, it has a higher priority
 - i. Recommendation that the committee consider which priority items have substantial overlap across the workgroups
 - b. Priorities are linked to the SAP (insert copy of spreadsheet Kerry mentions)
 - c. Questions
 - i. Where can community gardens fit into the priority items?
 - ii. What are the 3 quick items being recommended?
- 5. Working with Workgroups
 - a. Advisory vote
 - i. Workgroup needed to have a discussion prior and have agreed to a collective position. The group should select who the spokesperson is.
 - b. 5-point voting system
 - i. Majority and minority reports contribute to more nuanced discussions
- 6. 2023 Workplan
 - a. How to align the recommendations with the budgetary cycles that occur? From a local, state, federal level?
 - b. What is the timeline for when the committee is recommending actions?
 - c. Copy of the workplan will be provided to the group

- d. Which equity group?
 - i. Environmental Justice and Equity Workgroup, currently managed by Lisa Gardner
 - 1. Does the EJEW remain within the SAS?
 - ii. Equity Subcommittee is managed by Alex Gibilisco

Adjournment

.Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

Prepared by:

Tony Newton

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Kinnear", written over a horizontal line.

Councilmember Lori Kinnear
PIES Committee Chair