



## City of Medford

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### **Medford Energy & Environment Committee Agenda May 1st, 2017, 6PM City Hall Room 201**

Curtis Tuden, Kathleen McKenna, Nicole Morell, Bindi Doshi, Lauren Laskey, Matt Drapeau, Luke McKneally, Laretta James, Bob Paine, Alicia Hunt  
Visitors: Tyler Hillard, Aybike Crott

Absent: Sergi Valme, Barry Ingber

Convened meeting 6:05pm

1. Administration
  - Approved minutes from April 4th, 2017
  - Attendance and administrative updates
    - Cathy Young has resigned

2. Energy and Environment Priorities:

6:20-7:40

#### **Policy**

- Municipal Energy Aggregation - next steps -

Had Committee of the Whole with the City Council, with Alicia, Good Energy (Energy Consulting Firm), Peter Roche from MAPC and a few residents. A few residents with concerns, most of which were addressed. They voted to assign it to the Environment SubCommittee (Councilors Marks, Falco & Lungo Koehn). They've scheduled a SubCommittee meeting for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, they asked Alicia Hunt & Mark Rumley (City Solicitor) to attend, but Alicia will be out of town. It would be good to have residents who support municipal aggregation attend.

There was a good article about Municipal Aggregation in the Medford Transcript.

- Identify other MEC policy issues

Curtis shared a list of ideas of Issues & Policies that he's flushed out by meeting with other groups in the City while trying to build the Go Green Coalition. Councilor Marks has asked him to bring up other ideas for environmental issues that the City Council could address. Curtis highlighted some including: the Ban the Bag initiative, Environmental Justice and Indigenous Rights issues, Methane Gas leak actions. Alicia will circulate the online list.

Medford Vocational Electrical Teacher and Environmental Sciences Teacher are very interested in clean energy and environmental issues and happy to partner on things.

Bob Paine advocated for identifying a few top priorities for the City Council.

Alicia spoke at the Mass Power Forward 100% renewable kick off event a few weeks ago. The Mayor is very supportive of this. There's an article about that event here.

<http://medford.wickedlocal.com/news/20170418/north-shore-activists-launch-clean-energy-campaigns>

Luke encouraged that there needs to be a community campaign to get the community on board before asking the City Council to vote for this. Kathleen went to the Net Zero meeting in Cambridge last week. Kathleen tells us that they went to the community – businesses, universities, residents first and then asked the City Council to vote for it.

### **Building**

- Update on streetlight program – Alicia has hired a consultant, Tanko Streetlights  
Luke would be happy to talk about what we should pilot and where we should pilot.
- Update on police station
  - Alicia has been asked to be on the selection committee for the Owners Project Manager, they are preparing an RFQ for this. After the OPM is hired they will hire an architect so that is still probably 2 months out.
- At the Mayor's request Alicia commissioned a resiliency/flood study of the site of the new Police Station. It will be presented to the Mayor and Police Chief next week. Alicia will circulate it when it is a public document.

### **Event Planning**

- HYEAF update - Zach has been reaching out to companies & agencies and we already have a bunch signed up. Alicia circulated the forms. Lauren has a company that would like to be a \$250 sponsor.
- Green awards – Curtis will circulate the form, Alicia sent out link to list of previous winners. Applicants have to be recruited, think of good residents & businesses. Most are self nominated but recruited. You can nominate someone else if you know enough about what they've done.
- Medford Day – June 4<sup>th</sup> – Curtis will manage the table, Matt, Bob & Luke have volunteered to be at the table. (Alicia will be away) 365 Stories is a good conversation starter. Curtis will meet with Alicia to see what we have that the group could hand out and think about what they still need.

### **Communication**

- Discussion of Go Green Medford forum and coalition information sharing  
Curtis hasn't had time to set up a full discussion forum, he's concerned about not being able to respond to email messages that might get sent there.

### **3. New Business**

7:40-8:00

- Akira – McGlynn Middle School Summer Camp Computing Program – this year July 17-21 – They are looking for some environmental organizations to present what they do to give ideas to the kids to write programs about and then go back at the end of the week to see the projects.
- What about Circle the Square? There's just one – June 15<sup>th</sup> – do we want a table.
- Medford Farmer's Market – do we want to have a table at that sometimes? It will be at the Condon Shell this year.
- Arbor Day went very well – Aggie Tuden did a great job. They planted 15 trees on Spring St. as well as gave out seedlings to children in the City. Aggie will be reminding the residents to water trees. There are residents in Medford that say no to trees in front of their homes – perhaps we should

promote the trees in Medford. Is the Tree Warden doing anything to prevent gypsy moths in the City parks this year?

- Rainbarrels – we sold 175 – having a group of volunteers and interns to hand them out was extremely helping.
- Compost bins - we've sold 165 and have 15 more to sell before next week – residents need to bring a check for \$45 to the Office of Energy & Environment to order one. We really need volunteers to help hand them out. Matt & Lauren said they think they can help.

4. Adjourned at 8PM

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