

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Standing Committee on Sustainability and Transportation
Chair Councilor Spencer Thibodeau (D2)
Councilor Belinda Ray (D1)
Councilor Jill Dunson (At large)

Minutes November 18, 2020

Members Present: Councilor Thibodeau, Council Ray, Councilor Dusen
Staff Present: Troy Moon, Casey Zorn

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM.

October Minutes

October meeting minutes approved by Councilor Dusen and seconded by Councilor Ray. Passed unanimously, 3-0.

Sustainability Update

One Climate Future action plan passed Portland Council Nov 9. Workshop tonight. Press event tomorrow for new and existing EV chargers. Working with Mitchell Institute and Riverside for composting program. They will function as recycling drop-off centers. Working with Gulf of Maine Institute on Citizen Science project, community involvement to improve climate data. Plan to make interaction mapping platform for OCF. New Sustainability Fellow, Casey, has joined the team.

Councilor Ray asks, What impact of compost program on Garbage to Garden and other programs? To educate people that that service exists and let community know of all programs available.

Will explore putting a drop off closer to town, though concerned of misuse.

Councilor Dusen asks, Will Riverside allow for a rinse station for the compost bucket?
Will be considered.

Councilor Thibodeau voices that Ocean Avenue ground water testing results should be put online.

Items for Next Year's Council

Discussed the following items to be added to list of recommended items for next year's council:

- Looking into Green New Deal, green building code. Potentially crafting improvements to go out to voters
- Metro 8 & 1 bus routes, making sure to provide feedback and forum for community.
- Transit Tomorrow, coming to fruition
- South Portland's Knightville to Portland ferry service study, maybe have own study on this.

- Implementation of One Climate Future
- Energy Benchmarking Ordinance Update

Note Energy Benchmarking Ordinance Update:

Lack info on individual unit and building owners of a certain sign. CMP has hired new staff. Troy's team has met with policy staffer to help utilities cooperate with cities and towns. Deciding whether they need to ask PUC for permissions. Expect good news in next couple of months.

Thanks Councilor Duson for Your Service

Troy thanks Councilor Duson for being a champion of sustainability and environmental work, and her work with the National League of Cities.

Councilor Thibodeau echoes thanks for Councilor Duson's many acts of service.

Councilor Ray thanks Councilor Duson as well.

Councilor Duson thanks everyone in turn.

Meeting Conclusion

Councilor Ray motions to adjourn. Councilor Duson seconds. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.