

CITY OF OREM
NATURAL RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
December 6, 2018

Place: Development Services Conference Room

At 5:14 p.m.: Sarah Bateman called the meeting to order

Those present: Sarah Bateman, Darren Hawkins and Erin Lyons, Natural Resources Stewardship Committee members; Christian Kirkham, Long Range Planner; Sam Lentz, City Council member and Cheryl Vargas, Minutes Secretary

Those excused: Quinn Mecham and Gwenna Terry, Natural Resources Stewardship Committee members

1. Fourth National Climate Assessment – released 23 Nov 2018

Ms. Bateman said this is a Federal organization that is assigned every four years to update national climate assessment. It generally takes into consideration the global climate change situation, but this one is for the US and projected changes. This link that was sent is the summary <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>. There are 12 different categories: Communities, Economy, Interconnected Impacts, Actions to Reduce Risks, Water, Health, Indigenous Peoples, Ecosystems & Services, Agriculture, Infrastructure, Oceans & Coasts, Tourism & Recreation.

Ms. Bateman asked if this is something that the Natural Resources Stewardship Committee (NRSC) might be able to organize into a work session with the City Council to present further information educating City leaders about what is going on and promote the use of sustainable resources in Orem. Mr. Lentz said the NRSC would need to come up with specific items and state the plan. Ms. Bateman asked if it would be valuable to have a work session or should they roll it into the annual report that is presented to the City Council.

A discussion ensued regarding the way to present ideas to the City Council. Mr. Hawkins said an action item would be needed. When it comes to climate items it is hard to know what the action item should be. Mr. Lentz said if the Committee researched an item and put together a slide show, it would not have a significant impact. But if this were used as a foundational basis as to why the Committee wants to do this and this, it would more likely lead to more action. Mr. Kirkham said when it comes to action items, he deals with those on a daily basis. Modifying the City code is the most concrete way to change and shape how the City functions moving forward. You want to have a proposed ordinance or resolution that can change the City in one way or another. Mr. Lentz said it would be good if there are operational things or organizational things that the City is doing that could be brought to the City Council's attention.

Ms. Bateman said she would like Committee members to look the National Climate Assessment report over with the City of Orem in mind and what is locally applicable. Mr. Hawkins said anti-idling ordinances are in various cities in the area and Orem could also implement such an ordinance. He said he would look into what other cities are doing. Ms. Lyons said in the meantime they can promote the current things that are in place right now.

2. Update on new candidates for Committee

Ms. Bateman asked if anyone knew of any updates on new candidates. She will look into placing an informal message on the City's Facebook page. Ms. Lyons asked if Gwenna Terry could be highlighted as a hero. She is really into recycling, volunteered on NRSC and would be willing to talk about what she does. She will meet with Mr. Mecham and find out how to highlight a hero.

3. Continue 2019 strategy brainstorming

Mr. Lentz said the main discussion was defining what the NRSC really wants to achieve and what areas the Committee wants to focus on and where can they have the most impact. The different categories that were decided upon were: Water waste, food, land use and energy. Then there were one or two sub-categories under each category defining where the NRSC can have the most impact and the ease of what can actually be done. Such as, commercial water and reaching out to businesses, residential recycling, reduce and reuse, active transportation, renewables, efficiency and buying local.

Mr. Kirkham asked if specific goals were set for the coming year. Ms. Bateman said no, they did not get that far. Some challenges are measurable metrics. They do not know how much access they can have to measure the individual impact because it is so intertwined with other City departments or other larger cultural challenges. Some things are measurable, and it would be good to find those things that can have numbers put to them. Many things will be the soft data.

Mr. Kirkham said regarding electric vehicle charging stations, he met with several contractors and vendors and walked the sites and the City does have enough power load to handle all four of the fast charging stations. The City is asking for \$308,269.47 from the VW settlement funding. The time frame for installation would be into June or July 2019, by the time they are completed. This settlement money will pay for the equipment and installation.

Ms. Lyons asked about coming up with agenda items. Are they to drop ideas into Goggle Docs or is there a better way. Ms. Bateman said she has realized that there needs to be a central location for all NRSC documents and resources, links to relevant documents, a brain storming page where they can have access to all of these things in between meetings. It would be valuable to keep momentum going between meetings.

There was a discussion regarding voting for a new Chair and Vice-Chair for 2019. That will happen at the January 10, 2019 meeting.

Upcoming local events:

4 Dec 2018 -- UVU Social Innovation Challenge showcase: "Last Mile" -- Solutions to bridge the gaps in public transit; SB 134, 6-7 p.m. network/refreshments, 7-9 p.m. presentations and judging

26 Jan 2019 -- Orem 100 years kick-off; Fitness Center: 12:00-4:00 p.m.

28 Jan 2019 -- Utah Valley Clean Air Task Force Meeting; Utah County Health Dept

The next NRSC meeting will be January 10, 2018.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Hawkins moved to approve the October 4, 2018 and November 1, 2018 minutes. Ms. Lyons seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjourn: Ms. Bateman moved to adjourn. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

Sarah Bateman, Chair

Approved: January 10, 2019