

CITY OF OREM
NATURAL RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
Jan 17, 2023

Place: Development Services Conference Room

At 5:07 p.m.: Mr. Mecham called the meeting to order.

Those present: Darren Hawkins, Sarah Bateman, Paul Dunn, Hilary Hungerford and Quinn Mecham, Natural Resources Stewardship Committee members; Debby Lauret, City Council member; Makayla Wagstaff, Minutes Secretary; Matthew Taylor, Long Range Planner.

Those excused:

1. 2023 Budget ([click here for recording](#))
 - a. Discussion surrounding how much the previous budget was for and what it was used for.
 - b. Discussion of what the budget likely is this year and ideas of items which the budget could be used for this year.
 - i. Bike Valet at Summerfest
 - ii. Signs (working with the Beautification Commission)
 - iii. Xeriscape awards
 - c. Matthew Taylor is following up with the exact number amount for the budget.
2. 1st Quarter Calendar Events ([click here for recording](#))
 - a. City Council Report
 - i. Last year was in April
 - ii. Plan on Spring
 - iii. Awards were done at the same time and plan on the same this year.
 - b. Earth Day
 - c. UVU Sustainability Summit
 - d. SWAP/Spring Clean Up
 - i. April
3. Follow-up on WattSmart Communities Plan ([click here for recording](#))
 - a. A copy of the Orem Energy Action plan was previously shared with the committee.
 - b. Quinn Mecham shared it again with the committee.
 - c. Matthew Taylor discussed how the plan has been broken down between departments, and what Development Services' role is in the plan at this point.
 - d. Makayla Wagstaff will share the elements she worked on when in the intern role with the committee members.
 - e. Quinn Mecham proposed that this be put back on a later agenda.
4. Follow-up on Water Conservation Strategy ([click here for recording](#))
 - a. Darren Hawkins led a discussion on the Water Conservation Strategies..
 - b. Quinn Mecham highlighted the end goal of the committee reviewing these strategies as determining if they have feedback on the outlined strategies.
 - c. Discussion surrounding the state programs and money which encourage reducing water usage.
 - i. Where the money is going.
 - ii. How to encourage use of these programs in Orem.
 - d. Quinn Mecham identified four levers in the strategies:
 - i. Education
 - ii. Water Rates
 - iii. Ordinances
 - iv. Measurement
 1. Smart water meters
 - e. Quinn Mecham suggested that the committee focus on education and measurement.
 - f. Darren Hawkings identified an additional lever:
 - i. City Conservation Practices

- ii. Matthew Taylor identified that the city is planning to upgrade park sprinklers to Smart Sprinklers.
 - g. Discussion surrounding the possibility of an informal Green Team.
 - h. Discussion of the challenges of presenting the need for water conservation during a wet year.
 - i. Find potential opportunities to interview people who have chosen to take steps to conserve water.
 - j. Discussion of bringing back the rain barrel program.
 - k. Recommendation from the committee:
 - i. In the next generation of this document the committee would like to see more prioritization and sequential timing of the recommendations.
 - l. Committee focus on education, and education surrounding the new meters and app.
 - m. Further discussion on the possibility of a Green Team.
- 5. 2023 Priorities [\(click here for recording\)](#)
 - a. Quinn Mecham asked the committee members to reflect on what they feel the committee did well last year.
 - b. Quinn Mecham asked Makayla Wagstaff to consolidate the list of things done well into buckets.
 - i. Education
 - ii. Connection & Community Building
 - iii. Projects & Outreach
 - c. Quinn Mecham asked the committee members to think of what they feel should be the priorities going forward.
- 6. Committee Member Assignments (Sector and Function) [\(click here for recording\)](#)
 - a. Quinn Mecham - Energy, Awards and Rebate Programs
 - i. Focus on large consumers of electricity.
 - ii. Every other meeting - guest speaker.
 - iii. Requesting nominations from committee members for guest speakers.
 - iv. Call for agenda items.
 - b. Paul Dunn - Land Use and Events
 - c. Hilary Hungerford - Social Media and Utah Lake
 - d. Sarah Bateman - Waste, Outreach, Social Media Support and Event Support
 - e. Darren Hawkins - Water, Agricultural Preservation and assist with Social Media Inspiration
- 7. Annual Calendar
 - a. Quinn Mecham proposed moving this item to the next meeting, however, asked for any events which need to be discussed prior to that meeting.
 - b. Earth Day
 - c. Rain Barrels
 - d. Bike Activities - Coordinate with Provo and/or the Orem Bicycle Coalition.
 - i. Bike ride with the City Council
 - 1. Get E-bikes for the council to borrow
 - 2. Breakfast and then the bike ride.
 - 3. Look into seeing if the Mayor or the City Council would like to host, with NRSC helping work out the details.
 - 4. Utilize one of the master plans to highlight the areas that it talks about.
 - ii. See if there is data which shows where the e-scooter and e-bikes are being utilized.
- 8. Awards
 - a. Quinn Mecham proposed moving this item to the next meeting.

Quinn Mecham called for a motion to approve the minutes from December 1, 2022

Approval of Minutes: Darren Hawkins moved to approve the December 1, 2022 minutes. Quinn Mecham seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Darren Hawkins, Sarah Bateman, Hilary Hungerford, Quinn Mecham, and Paul Dunn. The motion passed unanimously.

Quinn Mecham called for a motion to adjourn.

Adjourn: Hilary Hungerford moved to adjourn. Sarah Bateman seconded the motion. Those voting aye: Darren Hawkins, Sarah Bateman, Hilary Hungerford, Quinn Mecham, and Paul Dunn. The motion passed. unanimously.

Adjourned: 7:15 pm.



Quinn Mecham, Chair

Approved: February 21, 2023

