

Green New Dean Oversight Board (GNDOB)

Meeting Notes

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: 1/23/2022 Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm Location: Zoom	
MEMBERS PRESENT:	1. Keith Weir 2. Tomas Madrigal 3. Andrea Ornelas 4. Nina Olivier 5. Maria Batayola 6. Syris Valentine 7. Steve Gelb	8. Peter Hasegawa 9. Ken Workman 10. Kristina Chu 11. Matt Remle 12. Eunice How 13. Rachel Heaton 14. Jess Wallach 15. Hibo Sahal
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Syris Valentine, Debolina Banerjee	
GUESTS:	Chad Buechler, Patrice Carol, and Aja Hazelhoff	

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be postponing the PPP Committee Charter Vote
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FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS			
#	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	TARGET DATE
1	PPP Committee Charter	Syris	Feb. 27 th Board Meeting
2	Maria wants to bring together a group to set a priority sheet for the Green New Deal Oversight Board	Maria	No date stated
3	Check in with legislative staff tracking federal resources grants and identify a potential process to connect with the GNDOB	Lylianna	No date stated
4	Nina to give a presentation on IRA information as Rushing is following it closely	Nina	Late Spring / Early Summer
5	Aja from OPCD happy to return to a future board meeting or community engagement committee meeting		No date stated

Meeting Notes

M. Batayola, GNDOB Co-Chair, Lylianna Allala, Sara Cubillos of OSE facilitated the meeting.

Notes taken by Sara Cubillos, OSE.

1. Welcomes and Introductions:

- Hopes for 2023
 - Meaningful Connection to the Tribes
 - Be bold in action
 - Connect to building regulations
 - Keep struggling
 - Learning and growing together to being proactive
 - Continue the work and expand on it together
 - Work in deep partnership together
 - Getting more community and public voices coming to monthly meetings

2. Public Comment: 5:42pm – Only Emma from the public was there but was joining to listen not to give public comment

3. Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes: Moved by Andrea and a Second by Keith – unanimous yes votes.

Presentations

Green New Deal Budget Items Passed- Lylianna Allala, Climate Justice Director

- Slides attached.

Questions/ Comments

Q. Maria – The funding for the libraries and parks will be focused in impacted BIPOC communities?

A: Yes, that is correct.

Comment: Maria about Steve’s comments via email- Important to do reflections and learnings on the budget process, not only about content but how to do work together.

Comment: Keith – Highlight that there a lot of federal grants coming from the IRA and these could be opportunities to gather more funding to scale up the projects.

Comment: Maria – [Highlight Emerald Cities Collaborative Event](#)

Q. Kristina – Is there a specific method in how the indigenous led sustainability project funds will be used? Like any identified partners?

A: The work is just beginning and OSE staff will be working with the DON staffer coordinating the Indigenous Advisory Council. OSE staff has also been coordinating with staff from the office of intergovernmental affairs focused on tribal relations.

Comment: Steve - GNDOB role is not only limited to jumpstart funding but all of the work tied to the Green New Deal, including other things happening in the City. Maria – Agree, as the GNDOB looking at alignment with policies, programs, and projects.

Other Resources Included in the Chat:

- Nina Olivier - Webinar being hosted by <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-the-impacts-of-the-inflation-reduction-act-on-green-building-tickets-482816486107> NW EcoBuilding Guild surrounding the impacts of the IRA on green building tax incentives.

Resource Brought up a sub conversation on Federal Funding

Comment: Nina – raising that it might be good to have representation from the GNDOB to share about priorities tied to how to utilize a big influx of funding from the federal government. Maria – Could the board put together a priority sheet that could be used to share with the different stakeholders holding webinars, engagements, workshops, etc.

Q. Steve – With the city tracking the various federal funding sources, could OSE put together a tracking list and share that with the GNDOB so they are able to see what sources or proposals would align with the Green New Deal.

A. Check with the legislative staff to see what opportunities there are and information on the current federal asks and/or opportunities.

Q. Maria – What is the time sensitivity for funding grants, RFIs, and/or RFPs?

A. There are varying time sensitivities depending on the source and ask. In the Spring the Department of Commerce is slated to share program development to the rest of the state for review. Then programs will then share back with the state how it aligns with their existing work.

Comment: Nina - could provide a quick breakdown of the IRA information in an upcoming board meeting.

Updates and Announcements Section

a. South Park Flood Response – Chad Buechler, Emergency Management Program Manager for SPU

- SPU's response to the flooding – Dec. 27th there were King Tides in the Duwamish Valley. SPU has a wet weather readiness plan and is focused on responding to areas like South Park that are at or below sea level due to chronic flooding. On the 27th it was the first time the river has ever overtopped the banks of the River.
- 49 homes damaged from major to minor damage. Several feet of water in the roadway and in homes. Water receded fairly quickly but 18 families were displaced from their homes. Now only 11 families are in hotels due to the damage of their homes.
- Community orgs were important because they had the trust of the community. Just Health Action, DRCC, Villa Comunitaria to name a few. There were two congressional delegations that brought attention to climate impacts during an emergency.
- SPU activated their emergency management plan to bring in an emergency trailer, Hygiene stations, and begun removing 76K lbs of debris. Worked with Team Rubicon which is not a government entity to begin more of the cleanup,

an electrical contractor and mitigation contractor to do deeper cleaning and damage assessment.

- v. Learnings: important for the city to not just lead with services but stand behind and provide the support outlined by community leaders and community-based organizations
- vi. Next Steps: Important to quickly add more protection to prevent future tides in the season. SPU deployed 60K sand bags, eco blocks, other protective measures. Utilizing weather modeling to be better about predicting not just the tides but the effects of other weather factors.

Q. Keith – Who was the electrical contractors?

A. There 2 – main view electric, second contract was a subcontractor from the migration consultant

Q. Tomas - The Khmer and Latinx community members impacted by the flood in South Park experienced the climate crisis as organized abandonment by the City of Seattle. Ruth Wilson Gilmore's (2022) idea of "organized abandonment," the purposeful neglect on behalf of the racial capitalist state as a strategy to exploit vulnerable communities. The City did not take responsibility for the emergency response until DRCC ED had SPU test the water for e coli. Is there a way as the Green New Deal to have the city act faster knowing that these kinds of issues will be more frequent? Is there a way for the GND OB to play a role in who gets these contracts, and can they be WMBE contractors?

A. Can't speak to the contracting piece of the questions as that is standardized process. The community should expect a quick response from the City and all of its available services. Will be advocating for that type of work. Flooding and impacts should drive the response. The E.coli samples were a way for the City to identify it is appropriate to bring on more resources from the Utility.

Comment: Maria - review policies of SPU to understand them from a GND view point

Q. Steve – Who is responsible for climate and resilience in the city and impacted residents?

A. SPU is participating in the Emergency Management conversation. OEM is responsible for ensuring that the city can respond. OEM is on a 5 year planning cycle. SPU has staff to connect the 5 year cycle to a longer time frame of 10 to 20 years. Opportunity for the city to think about those opportunities.

Comprehensive Plan Presentation – Patrice Carroll and Aja Hazelhoff from Office of Planning and Community Development (slides emailed to the board)

- Policies that tie into the Comprehensive plan
 - o Growth Management Act (GMA)
 - o State, Regional, County, and Local policies all tied to developments of comprehensive plans
- Framework for the Citywide Comprehensive Plan – updated about 8 to 10 years
 - o Elements – Major topics to be addressed (14 elements)
 - o Goals – Long term aspirations not guarantees or mandates (112 Goals)
 - o Policies – Guides the creation of specific rules or strategies (822 policies)

- Appendices – Technical information required by the Growth Management Act (7 appendices)
- Current elements of the Comp Plan
 - Growth Strategy
 - Land Use
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Capital Facilities
 - Utilities
 - Economic Development
 - Shorelines
 - Container Port
 - Environment
 - Parks and Open Space
 - Arts and Culture
 - Community Well- being
 - Community Involvement
- Climate Policy Inputs
 - [Executive Order 2022-07](#): One Seattle Climate Justice Actions to Reduce Emissions from the Transportation Sector
 - [Council Resolution 32059](#) – Address climate change and resiliency in the comprehensive plan
 - WA Dept. of Commerce Model Climate Element
 - KC K4C Comprehensive Plan Alignment Recommendations
 - 30+ City plans, strategies, and actions
 - Community input
- Public Engagement Schedule
 - Currently Drafting the Plan
 - Will release the current draft in ~June 2023
 - After the draft release will open again for comment on the current draft
- Community Engagement Goals
 - Effective Communication: Meaningful relevant communication across multiple platforms
 - Co-creation & Community Led: Partnering with community based organizations and community liaisons
 - Transparency & Accountability: Created an Engagement hub for a continues feedback loop and to share open data
- [One Seattle Plan Engagement Hub](#) – Surveys, Workshops, community discussions, comp plan 101 videos
- Community based organization – 5 CBOs
 - 12 month 30K contracts
 - Khmer Community of Seattle/King County, Duwamish Valley Sustainability Association, Estelita’s Library, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, Capitol Hill EcoDistrict
- What’s Next for 2023
 - Draft Comp Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement ~May
 - Zoning map public hearings (Nov 2023 – Jan. 2024)
 - Happy to meet with subcommittee participants

Q. Maria - Is it better to have something for the community to react to after the draft plan is released or should the board provide information prior to the draft plan being released?

A: Would be better to do engagement on the draft plan and see if community feels heard and what might be missing. Aja also very happy to begin planning engagement prior to the draft plan release to hear from the community. OPCD will also be creating a guide to the draft comp plan to make it easier to understand. Future opportunities to also participate in a climate vulnerability assessment that is being fund by the state.

Comment: Jess – Important to have the community participate early prior to the plans being baked because it is difficult to get into after things have been set.

Response: OPCD is interested in hearing where are the gaps and how they can focus their engagement work going forward in those gaps.