

# Work Plan-Fiscal Year 2021

## Overview

The Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and City Manager in the development or initiation of programs or actions that will enhance and create sustainable practices within the City and the community. The Commission focuses on the Triple Bottom Line aspects of sustainability - social equity, environmental health and economic prosperity, and advises on policy matters related to:

- a) sustainable practices
- b) businesses that produce sustainable products and services
- c) City building design and infrastructure
- d) related issues that directly affect sustainability efforts considered by the council

## Core Priorities/Work Items

This Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) work plan emphasizes core priorities including actionable items, equity, and engagement. The core priorities guide the Commissions focal areas for on-going policy discussion, analysis, and ultimately recommendations to the City Council.

The proposed core priorities and specific policy issues for the Commission in FY21 are the following.

### 1. Community Outreach

- a. **Grants** Research, identify and implement a system to equitably provide small grants to local community organizations for sustainability in work, education, and a just recovery from COVID-19 in Eugene.
- b. **Bylaws** Continue work to look at the commission's bylaws to adjust calendars and timelines for new commissioners and allow for grant approval.
- c. **Marginalized Communities** Expand community involvement in sustainability by engaging people from marginalized communities who don't see their place of belonging in the community.
- d. **Education and community event** Develop and implement a community outreach event that provides community members education about sustainability efforts locally and ways individuals can live more sustainably.

### 2. CAP2.0 Implementation Plan. Advise additional actions to incorporate into the CAP2.0, seek avenues for implementation, outreach to neighborhoods and provide support of the CAP2.0 Dashboard.

- a. **CAP2.0 Dashboard** Continue FY20 work on the CAP2.0 Dashboard to identify up to 10 metrics City Council and the City Manager can use to measure annual progress made by the CAP2.0.
- b. **Neighborhood Outreach** Research, identify and implement a system to reach out to the local community neighborhoods to communicate the work of the CAP2.0, gather community feedback and provide City Council and the City Manager details about community sentiments.
- c. **CAP2.0 Community Recommended Actions** Investigate and report out options for City Council and the City Manager to consider regarding ways to vet and incorporate the additional community recommended actions.

- d. **Funding for CAP2.0 Implementation.** Research policy options to fund the implementation of the CAP2.0 by researching the work of other communities to do the same. Identify strategies that tie in equity and climate work within implementation.
3. **Waste Reduction** Research policy options that continue to further Eugene's efforts towards waste reduction in the use of single-use plastics, food waste and waste produced from large events. Explore ways to extend and enhances these efforts.
  - a. **Sustainability at Large Events** Research policy options for City Council and the City Manager to explore regulating waste reduction and sustainability for large community events.
  - b. **Plastics** Research policy options for City Council and the City Manager to explore that minimize the local use of single-use plastics and other plastic waste.
  - c. **Waste reduction committee** Look at avenues to reduce single-use plastics and other waste through a waste reduction committee.
4. **Equity Lens Development Within the Work of the Sustainability Commission** Develop an equity lens to integrate into the work of the Commission and actively seek opportunities to equitable address sustainability and climate concerns, including in presentations to the Commission.
5. **City Budget** Identify ways to address sustainability through the city's budget, as well as methods to maintain current funding for sustainability projects.
6. **Areas for Further Research:**
  - a. **Air Quality** Research factors impacting air quality problems in Eugene. Look for solutions that the City and partner agencies can implement and that are sustainable which would improve air quality.
  - b. **Governance Structure** Explore how to bolster work of environmental and racial justice in sustainability efforts throughout the City.
  - c. **Education about Long-Term Goals of City Departments** Learn more about City departments long-term goals, key metrics and trends to better advise City Council, the City Manager and staff regarding sustainability and climate issues.
  - d. **Development of relationship with City Council** Explore ways to build a better relationship with City Council and the City Manager, improve flow of information between the City Council, City Manager and the Commission, and allow the Commission more time to present to City Council and the City Manager directly the ideas being proposed by work in committees.
  - e. **Resiliency** Research how we can localize the supply chain and increase resiliency of the physical landscape and local community.
  - f. **Affordable Housing** Explore ways to support development of affordable housing in Eugene, monitoring the expansion of HB2001 and its impact on our community.
  - g. **Urban Forestry** Explore ways to expand fire protections and sustainability concerns related to urban Forestry in Eugene.
  - h. **Fossil Fuel Risk Bonds** Explore ways to mitigate financial risks associated with fossil fuel storage, transport, and combustion.
  - i. **Emergency Preparedness** Learn more about what the city can do to add resiliency to the community in the way of emergency preparedness solutions.
7. **Emerging Issues.** Address unforeseen, but important sustainability-related items presented by the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Commissioners, or the public, in accordance with the Commission's adopted operating procedures.

## Outcomes

- Provide policy recommendations to Eugene City Council.
- Provide a forum for addressing public concerns related to sustainable policies and practices.
- Provide input to City Council and City Manager on sustainability policies and practices that reflect community values.