**Corvallis Sustainability Coalition**

**Land Use Action Team Meeting**(12/01/22 via Zoom)

Present: Court Smith, Wendy Byrne, Kris Anderson, Shelly Murphy, Roberta Smith, Carolyn Mayers, Marge Stevens, Katherine Bremser, Rob Upson, Dave Rabinowitz

1. Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) – Discussion re. the new rules
* Kris – In OR, most pollution comes from transportation, especially SOVs, so eight metro areas in OR will be required to develop.
* Wendy – They made it specific instead of broad, specific areas; disappointing.
* Dave – More of the same; they’re self-proclaimed experts.
* Marge – Opportunity to reimagine some of our existing neighborhoods; Wendy’s comment on 9th Street helped Marge rethink it.
* Roberta – Had a hard time not asking about HB2001. Her interest is in Downtown, but their focus is on outlying areas; it’s going to be a lot of work for staff.
* Katherine – Shares Roberta’s concerns about staff, but they’ve known about this; will be a big community participation project; result of reworked mixed use zoning map (9th, Downtown, Monroe Ave.). Zoning is already in place, incentivizing developers to table action. It’s an attempt to recreate. Excited about it.
* Court – Was on Mixed Use Task Force; did a lot to change our zoning code, especially on 9th Street. It won’t be the whole community, but will be helpful. Middle housing is starting to happen; mixed use in residential areas is now possible. But CFEC is really more about transportation. Our transit system is failing; Corvallis needs to link areas through a good transit system.
* Dave R – Goal is less need for transportation; need better options for safe bicycle routes. Recommends *Confessions of a Recovering Engineer*. Mayor Traber said CFEC could be applied to the whole City.
* Marge – She’s learned through the TSP Book Group that is car centric; Public Works handles transportation issues.
* Annette – We need to get Public Works and Community Planning talking to each other.
* Katherine – Younger staff will lead to changes; need pressure from the community; transit system is working well – there’s good ridership. It takes a partnership between community and experts; we need to accommodate 30% of current and future development.
* Wendy – Younger generations – yes! New transportation director has fresh ideas.
* Rob – Transit is important- Did an interview audit; relying on federal money for transit.
* Shelly – A lot of cities are having trouble with the parking part pf CFEC; there’s hope for Corvallis.
* Kristin – Excited about the possibilities; parking is so important; code should focus on covered bike parking.
1. Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) – Discussion re. possible actions
* Kris – Covered bike parking; limit car parking
* Annette – Continue focus on parking
* Court – Get PW and CD together on land use decisions; Paul B favors no parking requirements but PW would put parking everywhere.
* Marge – There’s a lack of developers in the conversation; developers are motivated by profit. We need engagement with that group.
* Kris – Yes, it would be great to involve developers; we shouldn’t underestimate the power of people to talk to decision makers; landfill expansion – thought it was a done deal, but citizens got involved.
* Rob – Developers want certainty and streamlining; we could incentivize development for developers.
* Wendy – LUAT could sponsor a program at C3 on how parking has changed in the City; putting parking on the street is a waste of public space; more people need to be engaged about why we don’t need more parking. Ask people to be open to new approaches.
* Court – Incentives are in mixed use housing (simplification of rules, additional heights).
* Marge – Several cities have sued the state re. the parking requests in CFEC, but it sailed through the Corvallis Coty Council.
* Dave – The way to encourage people to change is to give them an attractive alternative.
* Shelly – Mixed Use is complicated because of Financing. Bankers are reluctant; it would be good to get developers.

Next steps:

* Rob – Outdoor seating program downtown is a good model; active transportation toolkit needs to be implemented. -We could focus on the active transportation toolkit as a point of discussion and leverage with elected officials.
* Kris – Good idea! Outdoor seating could be point of focus. Call Steve Faust and City to get on CFEC email list. Ask Jason Yaich (City Planning Director) to send us Steve Faust’s email address and to express support for CFEC.
* Marge – Make an SOP proposal such as “Community Planning will work with Public Works on implementing CFEC.
* Wendy – CD and PW need to work together on development plans.
* Rob – Jeff Blaine said CIP process used to include community outreach component.
* Wendy and Rob said they will talk to Jeff Blaine about instituting community outreach for the CIP.
* Shelly – Planning staff is always open to hear from the public.
* Dave – Could City Council require signature from PW and CD on development plans?
* Marge – Problem with interface between Corvallis School District and streets.
* Court – We need to try to get items into the SOP during next week’s Council work session.

(Discussion re. possible actions to resume in 2023.)