PORTLAND CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUND (PCEF) COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

September 4, 2024 • 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Zoom Conference Call

Committee Members	Position	Affiliation	Present
Dr. Megan Horst	Co-Chair	Associate Professor, School of Urban Studies & Planning at Portland State University	No
Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro	Co-Chair	Oregon State Policy Manager, BlueGreen Alliance	Yes
Alicia Chapman	Member-at-Large	Willamette Technical Fabricators	Yes
DeAngelo Moaning	Member-at-Large	Raimore Construction	Yes
Faith Graham	Member-at-Large	Elevate Energy	Yes
Paul Lumley	Member-at-Large	Cascade AIDS Project	Yes
Tracy Scott	Member-at-Large	Energy Trust of Oregon	Yes
Robin Wang	Member-at-Large	Vibrant Future LLC	Yes
Maria Gabrielle Sipin	Member-at-Large	Community Member	Yes
Sam Baraso	Program Manager	PCEF	Yes
Jaimes Valdez	Org. Development & Policy Manager	PCEF	Yes
Rachel Gilmore	Administrative Specialist	PCEF	Yes
Elizabeth Stover	Senior Communications Strategist	PCEF	Yes
Tracy M. Smith	Facilitator	Inhance LLC	Yes
Camerina Galván	Notetaker	Galvan Consulting LLC	Yes
Ciara Pressler	Consultant	Pregame	Yes

Others: Eric Engstrom, Interim-Director, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability; Wendy Serrano, PCEF; Magan Reed; Maria Sipin; Lenny Dee; Jenni Hall, Energy Trust of Oregon; Jessica Carmona; Evan Ramsey; Annie Lindgren; Jennifer Schloming, former City Hall staffer; Zachary Lauritzen, Oregon Walks; Darlene Chairman; Jane Black, TriMet; Patricia; Stacy Michaelson, Government Affairs Administrator for Centennial, David Douglas, Park Rose, and Reynolds School Districts, and Multnomah Education Service District; Duncan Hwang, Metro Counselor and Community Development Director, APANO; Andra Caudill, Port of Portland; Lenda Childress, CPNA; Susan Blandholm, Frog Ferry founder; James Paulson; Seth; Capt. Peter Wilcox, Frog Ferry; Micah Meskel; Danelle Peterson; Nate Grein; Laura Fleming; Jasmine Gordovez, parent and former Oregon Walks board member; Joe Walsh; Darlene Chirman, 350PDX Climate Justice Policy Team volunteer; Juan Carlos Vildosola, Saint John's Neighborhood Association; Micheal Kiser, TriMet; Chenoa; Beth Gilden; Patty Rueter, former

Emergency Management Planner, Portland Office of Emergency Management; John Furukawa, business consultant and investor and Frog Ferry board member; Jonathan Tasini, Frog Ferry & Candidate for District 2 Portland City Council; Lizzie Rubado, Energy Trust of Oregon; Lena Childress, Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association; Lisa Merrick, Government Relations Manager, Portland Public Schools; Babs Vanelli; James Paulson, Board Chair, Frog Ferry.

AGENDA OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTIONS: TRACY M. SMITH, FACILITATOR

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.
- The quorum was met.
- Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: TRACY M. SMITH, FACILITATOR

- Patty Rueter, Jennifer Schloming, John Furukawa, Juan Carlos Vildosola, Capt. Peter Wilcox, James Paulson, and Jonothan Tasini advocated for the Frog Ferry. Susan Bladholm recapped the Frog Ferry's history with PCEF.
- Zachary Lauritzen felt the Collaborating for Climate Action funding application process was inspiring.
- Jasmine Gordovez advocated for PBOT's sidewalks to schools project.
- Duncan Hwang advocated for the TriMet and 82nd Ave proposal.
- Darlene Chirman praised the Collaborating for Climate Action funding opportunity and advocated that more proposals be allowed to submit full proposals with a matching fund requirement.
- Stacy Michaelson and Lisa Merrick advocated for energy efficiency and weather resiliency in schools.

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- Paul Lumley requested that the meeting minutes be presented more regularly.
- Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro moved to approve the 2/15/2024, 2/28/2024, 3/21/2024, 05/16/2024, and 6/3/2024 meeting minutes. Paul Lumley seconded it.
  - Approved: The committee approved the 2/15/2024, 2/28/2024, 3/21/2024, 05/16/2024, and 6/3/2024 meeting minutes. Maria Gabrielle Sipin abstained.

PROGRAM UPDATES: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- **RFP #3 at City Council:** Seventy-one projects close to $92 million awards are moving forward to the City Council on September 5, 2024.
- **Staff Recruitment Update:** Project managers and a new Deputy Program Manager have been hired. Additional recruitments are underway. The staff will grow to 33 people by November 2024.
- **PCEF Committee Recruitment:** The staff will contact the committee in the coming weeks to establish a recruitment subcommittee. The application is posted.
- **CIP Implementation Milestones:** Strategic Program #3 (Clean Energy Improvements in Single-Family Homes) RFP will open in Fall 2024. Strategic Program 10: Community-based Organization Capacity Building Program and Strategic Program #6: Comprehensive E-bike Access and Support will be rolled out. Prosper Portland and PCEF finalized an interagency agreement to support the administration of the CIP strategic programs.
- **Update on 2024 City Climate Projects Coming to the Committee for Feedback:** The staff has been working with the bureaus to develop programmatic agreements. Updates on these allocations will be shared with the committee and discussed during the October 2024 meeting.
  - **Action Item**: Staff will schedule an October 2024 committee meeting.

ACTION ITEM: COLLABORATING FOR CLIMATE ACTION: SAM BARASO, PCEF, AND JAIMES VALDEZ, PCEF

- Sam Baraso shared that the funding opportunity arose from the need to disperse additional funding. The committee developed the process, which was a learning opportunity. The community response was tremendous. Jaimes Valdez gave an overview of the funding opportunity criteria and process and reviewed the recommended portfolio.
- Tracy Scott disclosed a conflict of interest and recused herself from discussing and voting on the Energy Trust project. Robin Wang disclosed that he has a contract with Prosper Portland for a scope of work unaffiliated with climate action. Furthermore, he is involved in collaborative partnerships that do not involve any contractual obligations nor the exchange of goods, services or funds between Bonneville Environmental Foundation and the Energy Trust of Oregon. For these reasons, he does not feel it is necessary to recuse himself.
- Committee member concerns raised included the scoring criteria for the LOI phase not being published, the process being rushed, limited visibility/understanding of the viability scoring, different scoring approaches within the panel, potential conflicts of interest, and questioning as to why the Prosper Portland project was added to the portfolio. A committee member would like to see community partnerships explored and would like to ensure there is no overlap between the city projects and this granting opportunity.
- All LOI applications were reviewed by staff. Guidance on LOI page limits would have been helpful.
- The projects were thoroughly vetted as this is a new funding process for PCEF, with high volume of applications and only 3-4 will be awarded. Understanding the project scope, budget, and capacity was vital regardless of the application length. The entirety of the viability reviewing scores was shared with the review panel. Clear scoring criteria will be published for the next phase. Sam Baraso explained the project viability scoring.
- DeAngelo Moaning moved to recommend that the ten (10) proposals outlined in the staff recommendation advance to the full application stage for the Collaborating for Climate Action funding opportunity. Faith Graham seconded it.
    - Failed: The committee did not approve the motion. Four committee members voted affirmative, four voted against, and two recused themselves.
- Jaimes Valdez clarified that the staff has a standard process for soliciting feedback. However, the staff will defer to the committee to lead a different process.
- Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro made a motion that the PCEF Committee recommend the ten (10) proposals outlined in the staff recommendation to advance to the full application stage for the Collaborating for Climate Action funding opportunity, make scoring criteria clear for full application; the committee will provide the recommendation to the city council of funding from this RFP; provide an opportunity for the committee to participate in feedback from nonprofits that were not selected. Paul Lumley seconded it.
    - Approved: The committee approved the motion. All committee members voted affirmative except Maria Gabrielle Sipin, who abstained, and Tracy Scott, who recused herself.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:35 PM

NEXT MEETING: The next public committee meeting is September 19, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Camerina Galván, Notetaker, Galvan Consulting LLC.