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Sustainability Commission Appointments Finalized *The new commission will hold its first meeting on November 28.*

The inaugural membership of the City's newest advisory commission is now complete. The new thirteen-member commission includes one person appointed by each of the eight City Councilors, four individuals appointed at-large from a pool of interested applicants, and one City Councilor appointed by the Mayor.

The commission members are: Lisa Arkin, Shawn Boles, Howard Bonnett, Josh Bruce, Brian Erickson, Dave Funk, Lorraine Kerwood, Tim Laue, Kip Much, Rusty Rexius, Will Shaver, Josuha Skov, and Alan Zelenka.

There was a high level of public interest with 73 applicants. Mayor Kitty Piercy said, "This is a real indication of the enormous passion people have for pursuing sustainability in this community. We are grateful to all the excellent individuals who stepped forward. It was tough to narrow it down to twelve and I hope all the applicants will stay engaged in the process as we move forward."

The Sustainability Commission will advise the City Council and the City Manager on the development of programs to create or enhance sustainable practices within the community. The commission will advise on policy matters related to:

- a) sustainable practices;
- b) businesses that produce sustainable products and services;
- c) City of Eugene building design and infrastructure, and
- d) related issues that directly affect sustainability efforts considered by the City Council.

The advisory group will actively work with regional partners on sustainable solutions to shared issues. The commission and staff will strive to keep all interested parties informed and involved. "To be successful in creating a sustainable Eugene we need to involve everyone. We look forward to working across the entire community to help create a place of greater social equity, with a healthy environment and a prosperous economy," said Felicity Fahy, Sustainability Manager and staff to the commission.

The first meeting of the Sustainability Commission will be on Wednesday November 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Human Rights Center at 833 Willamette Street.

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