

**Green New Dean Oversight Board (GNDOB)
Meeting Notes**

MEETING SUMMARY	Date: Jan, 2021 Time: 4:00pm – 5:49pm Location: WebEx	
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Maria Batayola Tomas Madrigal Matt Remle Syris Valentine Andrea Ornelas Ken Workman Kristina Chu	Keith Weir Jess Wallach Deepa Sivarajan Steve Gelb Dennis Comer Rachel Heaton Debolina Banerjee Emily Myers
MEMBERS ABSENT:		
GUESTS:	Office of Sustainability & Environment: Lylianna Allala, OSE Consultant: Nancy Huizar; Seattle City Light: David Logsdon, Kate Engel, Emeka Anyamwu; Seattle Public Utilities: Ann Grodnik-Nagle, Ashima Sukhdev; Central Staff: Akshay Iyengar	

DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board approved 10/28 & 11/4 meeting minutes ● Review of 2022 Oversight Board Timeline: Updates on GND Funding & Budget Recommendations Process ● Establishing Workgroups for 6.5M GND Funding Recommendations Process ● Amending by-laws for Policy Decision Making ● Introduction to proposed Council ordinance
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FOLLOW-UP ACTION ITEMS			
#	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)	TARGET DATE
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Meeting Notes

*M. Batayola, D. Sivarajan, and S. Valentine, GNDOB Co-Chairs, facilitated the meeting
Notes taken by Nancy Huizar*

Welcome, introductions, and recap of last meeting

- Deepa started the meeting, introductions of members, Jess led the land acknowledgement.
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Approval of 12.2 meeting minutes

Board Action

Motion: Maria

Second: Keith

Vote: unanimous approval of the minutes with vote of A.

Tomas, Kristina, Matt, Steve, Deepa, Syris, Emily, Keith, Maria, Andrea, Jess, voted.

- A “Yes, I approve”
- B “Yes, with reservations”
- C “Not voting until we have further discussion”
- D “I don’t approve, but I don’t block”
- E “I block, with serious concerns”
- F “Stand aside. Recuse myself”

General Updates – M. Batayola

- Survey sent around for conflict resolution workshop and climate engagement work for OB, what would unify the group for decision making process
- New Mayor - should send a letter to get GNDOB introduced Maria asked if folks supported.

BOARD ACTION Motion: Keith Move to send a letter Second: Matt

- **Vote:** A: Kristina, Syria, Dennis, Debolina, Deepa, Rachel, Tomas
- Question by Steve: do we want to meet or have a staffer come?
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL WORK ON IT AND SEND OUT

Review of 2022 Oversight Board Timeline: Updates on GND Funding & Budget Recommendations

Process – Jose Vasquez

- Jose shared screen and share summaries and workplan document to GNDOB
- Application review for GNDOB members and have appointments ready by Feb 28th
- GND Funding recommendations:
 - in Phase I with beginnings of community engagement
 - Present framework at next board meeting and to IDT
 - Phase II starts in february to work on internal feedback from other boards and commissions and GND IDT. Feb to Mar will implement external community engagement
 - Mar to Apr: Initiate special session to start funding recommendations and have deliberations
 - Pathway for approval is still being considered
 - No longer have April 1st deadline
- Will start to prepare for 2023 budget around the same timeline as \$6.5M recommendations
 - Priorities should be submitted by May 16th board meeting.
 - Not the only opportunity to provide input
- Questions:
 - Syria: will timeline get shared out?
 - Steve: Are we looking at this phase of community engagement as the beginning of a continual process?
 - Steve: Will IDT have a role in providing input on recommendations? (no)
 - Jess: what is the timeline for establishing workgroups?
 - Maria: Do we need to adopt the timeline as a board?

- Jose answer: Executive committee should decide on the special sessions.
- Comments:
 - Maria: important to get information from community
 - Jose: march 21st and april 14th are important dates to invite community members
- Maria: board okay with adopting the plan?
- **BOARD ACTION: Motion: Jess Second: Matt**
 - Steve question: Why is 2023 budget recommendations due in May?
 - Akshay answer: Departments submit their proposals in first week of May. Summer months the budget goes back and forth between Mayor's office and departments. Other commissions also submit in early May. Other option is to submit the budget to council. Recommend to try for May.
 - Maria comment: there will be time to adjust that, it is our first year so some recommendations can be clear and some may not be fully fleshed out.
 - Jose: intention in first phase could be getting high level priorities, then respond to Mayor's proposal and relate to GNDOB priorities.
 - Jess chat with positive response: having been part of budget advocacy @ council a few years now, i think its really smart to be part of early discussions and adapt as we go (rather than wait until right before council process)
 - **Vote: unanimous A**
 - Deepa, Kristina, Syris, Maria, Matt, Steve, Debolina, Andrea, Rachel, Emily, Jess, Keith, Dennis, Tomas voted

Establishing Workgroups for 6.5M GND Funding Recommendations Process – Deepa Sivarajan

- Deepa asked who is interested in budget workgroup: maria matt steve jess debolina tomas
- Deepa asked who disinterested in community engagement workgroup: emily christina syris rachel andrea Keith

Amending by-laws for Policy Decision Making – Deepa Sivarajan and Syris Valentine

- Syris started the conversation. Some members have sent policies that they think the GNDOB should provide input on, board should decide how to proceed. Shared Policy Decision Making Procedure (ammendment will need to happen - policy decision to recommendation)
- Maria: let's adopt and send to by law committee for conclusion
- Test for consensus: Do we want to move what was presented to the By Law committee?
 - A fist means, "I vote NO." In consensus, this is the same as a block.
 - 1 finger means, "I'll just barely go along." Or, "I don't like this but it's not quite a no." Or, "I think there is lots more work to do on this proposal." In consensus, this indicates standing aside, or not being in agreement but not blocking the consensus.
 - 2 fingers means "I don't much like this but I'll go along."
 - 3 fingers means, "I'm in the middle somewhere. Like some of it, but not all."
 - 4 fingers means, "This is fine."
 - 5 fingers means, "I like this a lot, I think it's the best possible decision."
 - **BOARD ACTION:**
 - **Vote:** unanimously voted A
 - Emily, maria, matt, rachel, devolina, jess, andrea, kristina, deepa, syris, tomas, rachel, steve, keith voted
 - Syris, Matt, Keith on By Law Committee, will continue to work on it

Introduction to proposed Council ordinance – Maria Bayatola

- Matt and Rachel have been working with CM Sawant. Ordinance is to add criteria on green new deal values for financial institutions. Ordinance will be introduced in February. Would want to have a briefing on the ordinance and then decide in the February GNDOB meeting.
- Matt gives general overview. Working on disinvestments, don't want financial institutions to continue to invest in fossil fuel projects. Screen questions will ask about investments in fossil fuels and adherence to indigenous rights to indigenous peoples (pre fire informed consent) (if projects are happening in indigenous communities, need to confirm consent from community). If RFP goes out, it will be for financial institutions and insurers to answer.
- Maria: can we have special session to get a public meeting discussion and decide in February meeting?
 - discussion
 - Debolina: when screening happens, what resources are available and what are accountability systems being set up? What happens if they dont meet commitments (to be discussed during special meeting)
 - Steve: What is our role? City has people that review contracts, they should review based on this policy. Not sure if it is a role for GNDOB to oversee.
 - Jose: Council will introduce Feb 1st at committee meeting. Target date to vote out of committee on Feb 14th.
 - Maria: big opportunity to align policies with GND
- **BOARD ACTION:** Motion to conduct special session: Emily Second: Syris
 - vote: mostly A
 - Emily, Tomas, Debolina, jess, dennis, deepa, kristina, syria, maria
 - Steve voted C
 - Jose will follow up about scheduling special session.

Public Comment

- Taemin Um: work for CM Sara Nelson. Works on Sustainability Committee, excited to work with committee, shared contact information. Will regularly attend GNDOB meetings

Introduction & Background on Departmental Presentations & Updates on Board Conflict Resolution Process – Syris Valentine

- Scope of work will get submitted to Jose. Let Syris know if you are interested in finding consultant and for developing scope of work.
 - Maria is interested

Folks from the IDT, no time for question or comments, please add them in the chat instead and they will get sent to appropriate representatives.

Seattle City Light (SCL) Briefing - David Logsdon, Kate Engel, Emeka Anyamwu

- Emeka Anyamwu starting presentation to provide some context and key efforts from SCL and areas where GNDOB might be interested in giving insight on.
- Overview of Seattle City Light: service area, netzero for GHG since 2005
- Clean Energy Transformation Act
 - intent is to create a carbon free future by 2045
 - Key deliverable: clean energy implementation plan (just completed) 2022 to 2025; every 4 years, have to also submit clean energy equitable plan
 - Actions to achieve timeline goals

- equity, renewable resources, energy efficiency, demand response, actions to remonstrate process towards 2030 and 2045 goals
 - Prepare for Electrification Load Growth
 - electrification work
 - comprehensive scenarios for electrification (buildings, transportation, grid capacity, and planning tools for assessment)
 - collaboration SDOT OSE SDCI and regional utilities
- Joined Energy Imbalance Market a few years ago. Benefits are decreased emissions, cost savings, enhanced reliability
- SCL's approached to energy future:
 - start with equity: burdened communities see benefits first
 - build for the future: modernize and reimagine the grid, leverage technology
 - lean into partnerships: work with experts, next level customer relationship, One City
 - be bold, be ready: thriving out of adversity with Utility Next
- Climate Change Adaptation Program
 - Strategic Initiative 2013
 - Comprehensive adaptation plan in 2015
- Utility Next
 - 17 project concepts to help realize SCL's vision of creating a clear energy delivery system
 - Goal is to leverage external funding
 - Partnerships are central
 - Secured \$3.4M in grant funds
 - additional opportunities with Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

Questions/Comments:

- Syris: What are the carbon offsets that SCL uses to qualify itself as a net-zero energy provider? Is there any concern of carbon from these offsets being re-emitted in the long run (e.g. offsets based on tree planting in areas subject to forest fire)?
- Dennis: What types of incentives does SCL offer for solar energy, especially on community owned properties like the Central Area Senior Center, Byrd Barr Place and others?
- Dennis (related to energy imbalance market): Does this mean that the excess from Seattle gets sent to LA or could?
- Maria: What is CL doing re rate increases? Impact of dams being taken down on electricity production? % of low income folks on CL assistance? What are the actual tools for demand response management?
- Debolina: How are you assessing the Equity impact at source?
- Maria: Does CL support the Energy for All legislation that provides support to households that spend 3% or more of their household income on energy?
- Jess: how is SCL approaching equitable energy transition for renters? is/how is SCL bringing an anti-displacement lens to energy transition investments & policies?
- Dennis: Is this Research Scientist being focused on average utility rates for homeowners and how this strategic plan affects their payments in the future?
- Matt: I would like to hear more about the equity approach and centering impacted communities as it relates to the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe and the Swinomish Tribe who have been pushing for SCL dam removal on the Skagit River due to impacts on environment and violations of treaty rights. I know there is a current lawsuit so folks might not be able to comment.
- Dennis: But who is the focus of resiliency....the people first or the utility first.

- Dennis: Public engagement is about lowering prices or preventing increases. Climate change is secondary to their immediate needs.
- Dennis: Instead of hiring consultants, why not ask the community leaders and organizations that deal with the community everyday?
- Debolina: How do you measure success of your affordability program and access to assistance? Have you identified gaps?

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Adaptation/Resiliency Briefing - Ann Grodnik-Nagle, Ashima Sukhdev

- Ann kicking off presentation with SPU overview. Recently released SPU's 50 year vision and mission
- Focused on centering on community challenges
 - shift focus of investments
 - wealth building: pipeworker apprenticeships and affordability programs
- SPU role in reducing emissions
 - SPU operations
 - Citywide Waste
- Programs centering equity
 - RainCity Partnerships
 - Food Rescue Innovation
 - Seeds of Resilience (under development)

Questions:

- Jess: what is needed to scale up the opportunities mentioned for blue-green workforce development & make sure it's equitable, in line with the city's fossil fuel transition study released may 2021?
- Syria: I'm not sure if this falls into the SPU scope or if this is an OH question: Are there any pilot projects focused on on-site rainwater and/or gray water use for non-potable water uses (i.e. toilets) in buildings?
- Deadline for submitting questions? January 31st

Meeting Evaluation – Syris Valentine

- Great facilitation
- Keith moves to adjourn meeting
- Matt seconds