



SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE COMMISSION (SCC)

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Planning & Sustainability Commission (PSC) history

- Planning & Sustainability Commission – established 2010
 - dual focus before sustainability & climate action gained prominence/urgency
- PSC had massive breadth and needed clarity
 - balancing code/land use (state mandated) & climate action/sustainability
- Planning Commission - established Feb. 2023 via Ordinance No. 191150
 - Directed BPS to bring Sustainability or Climate Commission proposal to Council
- New Sustainability and Climate Commission (SCC)
 - resets scope, expectations, and establishes action on climate & sustainability

City's climate action – Climate Emergency Workplan (CEW)

- City Council declared a climate emergency in 2020 and launched the Climate Emergency Workplan
- CEW approved by City Council July 2022
- CEW outlines 2022-2025 City priority actions
 - Emissions & processes focus
 - Pathways to net-zero carbon by 2050
- New Sustainability and Climate Commission (SCC)
 - A key accountability body on climate and sustainability for community, other governance bodies & City of Portland

Charter Reform – Charter Commission review

- Phase I – passed in November 2022 by voters as Ballot Measure 26-228
 - **Mayor and City Administrator responsibilities:**

“Advance the City’s efforts to mitigate the human-made climate crisis and prioritize environmental justice initiatives.”

Goals

- Reset the scope, expectations, and establish a new authority on climate and sustainability
- Create accountability for City and its service areas, and the Portland community
- Create the City's Climate Action Plan and other guiding documents on climate
- Advance the city's efforts to mitigate the human made climate crisis and prioritize environmental justice initiatives
- Ensure the City is on track to meet established climate goals
- Balance advisory, advocacy, & action in its charge





Structure proposal overview

- 20 members + 6 ex officio members
 - Community members
 - Youth commissioners
 - Six City staff liaisons as ex officio members
 - Deputy City Administrators (DCAs) or a person of their designation
- Organized by focus areas
 - Members recruited in areas of expertise/knowledge

SCC focus area proposal

- Building and homes
- Climate change resiliency and adaptation
- Energy and renewables
- Environmental justice and equity
- Urban forest, natural systems, and carbon management
- Urban form and transportation
- Waste prevention, recycling, and solid waste
- Youth



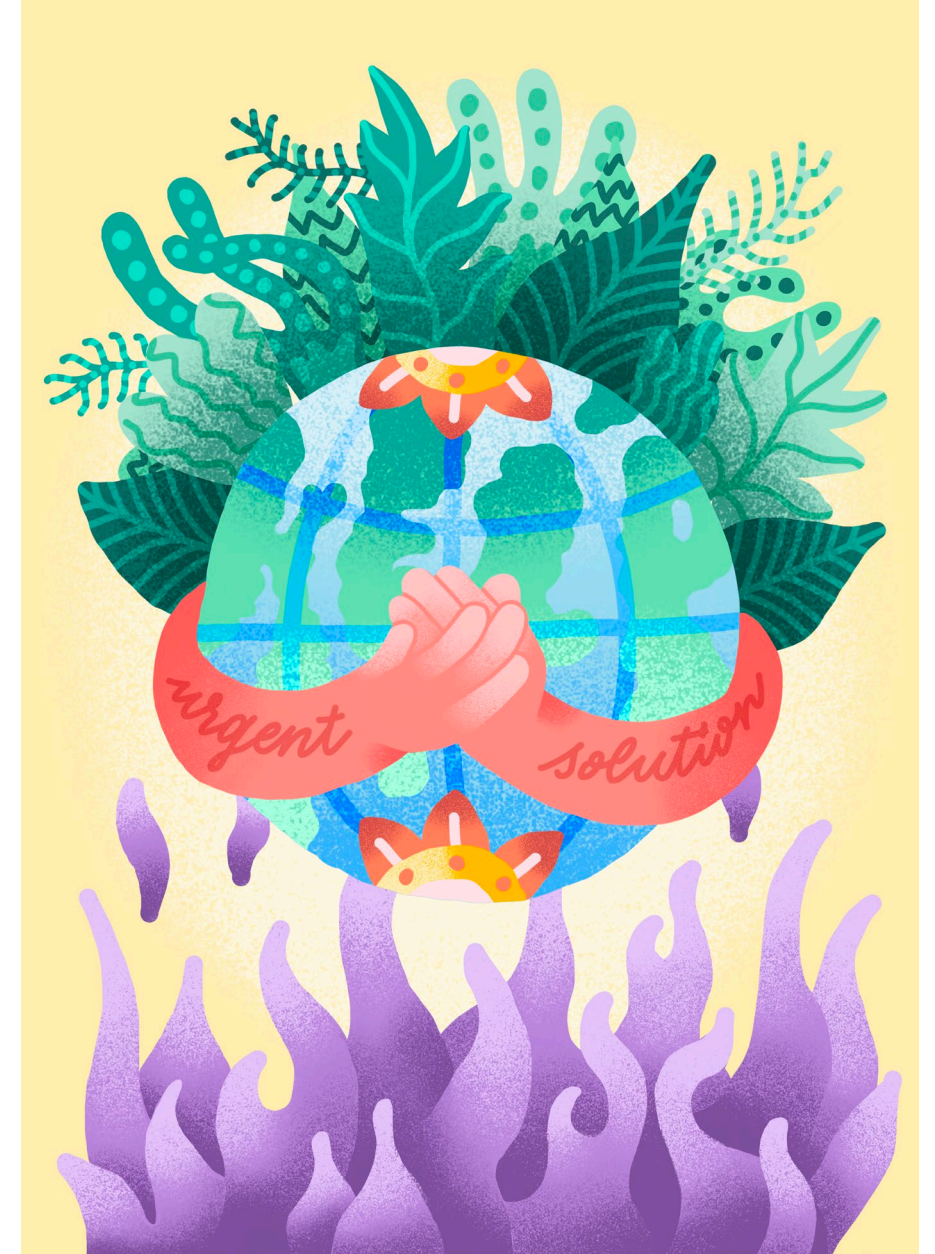
Functions and plans

- Align with City of Portland's climate plans
 - Climate Action Plan (2015)
 - Climate Emergency Workplan (2022-2025)
- City Administrator-level commission
- Balance advisory, advocacy, & action
- Collaborate with other advisory bodies
- Accountability and transparency



Engaging with SCC

- Tiers for SCC work
 - **Tier I – LEARN & PLAN**
 - **Tier II – DO & EVALUATE**
 - **Tier III – ACT**



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Engaging with SCC

Tier I – LEARN & PLAN

Staff makes decisions with SCC approval

- Examples of actions include:
 - DCAs, or their designee, briefing SCC on implementation strategy of previous agreed upon workplans from service areas
 - accepting progress reports
 - holding joint meetings with other committees

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Tier II – DO & EVALUATE

DCAs, or their designee, work with the Chief Sustainability Officer to bring forward proposals for SCC recommendations, refinements, and alignment with established climate goals

- Decision making authority is ultimately with City Council, the Mayor, and the City Administrator, however, SCC recommendations will strongly inform decisions
- Gives public forum for debate on the issues at the SCC
- Addresses the charter reform charge for the City Administrator and the Mayor to address the human-made climate crisis

Engaging with SCC

Tier III – ACT

The Chief Sustainability Officer works with Deputy City Administrators and their offices to bring work from SCC to City Council, the Mayor, and the City Administrator for final action and decision making.

- Gives public forum for debate on the issues at the SCC
 - End goal is defined (*i.e.*, ordinance, resolution, report)

City engagement

- City employee workshops (4)
- Climate Preparedness Group (3), includes:
 - BDS, BES, BPS, OGR, PBOT, PP&R, and PWB
- City staff consultation, includes:
 - OMF, Civic Life, Transition Unit, CAMG
- City leadership briefings, includes:
 - Bureau directors, CAB, Commissioner Rubio, Mayor’s Office

Climate Preparedness Group	
Bureau	Employee Name
BDS	Ericka Koss
BES	Kate Carone, Kaitlin Lovell, Nicholas McCullar, Nishant Parulekar
BPS	Sam Baraso, Jeff Caudill, Kyle Diesner, Whitney Holt, Andria Jacob, Angela Previdelli, Jaimes Valdez
OGR	Jack Arriaga, Kari Schlosshauer, Haley Tortorella
PBEM/RDPO	Patrick Kramer
PBOT	Shoshana Cohen, Courtney Duke, Eric Hesse, Kristin Hull, Alex Lewis, Art Pearce, Katie Root
PP&R	Brett Horner, Laura Lehmen, Marty Stockton
PWB	Benjamin Beal, Elise Guinee-Cooper, Kavita Heyn

Next steps

- Two in-person open houses
 - April 10 12-1pm PSU Karl Miller Center Atrium
 - April 17 5:30-6:30pm IRCO Community Center
- First reading at City Council: April 24 @ 2pm
- Recruitment starting Fall 2024 – pending guidance from City advisory bodies
- SCC seated – anticipated Winter 2025



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