

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: Appointment to Sustainability Commission

Meeting Date: March 14, 2011
Department: City Manager's Office
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Agenda Item Number: 5
Staff Contact: Babe O'Sullivan
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This item is the appointment by the City Council of a new member to the Sustainability Commission to serve the unexpired term of Mark Nystrom.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the council makes appointments to boards, committees and commissions. Chapter 2 of the Eugene Code addresses standing committees to the City Council and the appointment process. For most standing committees created in the Code, the council is the appointing authority. The normal recruitment period for boards, committees and commissions begins in January unless a resignation occurs mid-term. The Sustainability Commission has four positions that are filled in this manner, one of which had been filled by Mark Nystrom.

Due to Mr. Nystrom's resignation, one vacancy has occurred on the Sustainability Commission. Mr. Nystrom's term is set to expire on June 30, 2013, and his replacement will assume the remaining part of this term. Recruitment for this position yielded twelve applicants. Five applicants completed interviews with the City Council.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The Eugene Sustainability Commission is a 13-member citizen body that acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council and the City Manager to create or enhance sustainable practices within the community. The Sustainability Commission was created by City Ordinance No. 20379 in March 2007.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council may:

1. Appoint the candidate.
2. Appoint another candidate after reviewing all of the applications.
3. Choose no candidate at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item; the appointments are made by the City Council.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to appoint _____ to Position 2 on the Sustainability Commission, filling the unexpired term of Mark Nystrom, ending on June 30, 2013.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Interested Applicant Details
- B. Vote Ballot

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Name **Joshua J. Arthur** Evening Phone **5413579126** Day Phone **5416532271**
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Eugene Or 97405 Ward **2** Neighborhood **Crest Drive Citizens**
Occupation **Researcher (Volunteer)** Employer **ELAW**
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Eugene OR 97403 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Friend**

Optional Information

Gender **M** Age **36-45** Ethnicity **White/European American**

Additional Languages spoken **Spanish**

Education / Training

American University, Washington, DC May 2007
M.A. in Global Environmental Policy
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV May 2003
B.A. in Political Science

Community Service / Volunteer

For a decade, I have been involved with volunteer work and research overseas on environmental and social issues. 2001 -Thailand, 2003 -Mexico, 2004 -India, 2006 - Ecuador, 2007 -Paraguay, 2008 -Ecuador, 2009/10 - Trinidad and Tobago, 2011 -Ecuador

Job Experience

Friends of the Earth, Washington, DC, Int'l Programs Coordinator, 2005 - 2007;
American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees, Las Vegas, NV
Assistant Political Director, 2004 - 2005; Forest Trends,

Personal Experience

I bring a dynamic vision and tireless commitment to helping solve global-local environmental issues. I offer a decade of experience in the environmental movement, ranging from grassroots organizing to international policy.



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Personal Interest

I am extremely involved with personal sustainability and green living. I believe this is one of the most valuable areas of my experience can provide the Sustainability Commission with valuable insights in making decisions.

Contribution

I have extensive experience working with leaders in government, corporate, political, environmental, media and funder communities. I pride myself on working well and helping to reach consensus among individuals and groups with diverse viewpoints. I first moved to Eugene in 1997 and just moved back last year, therefore I bring a deep passion for Eugene's future as well as clean and fresh outside perspective. I am also a Veteran.

1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

Green Jobs. The lack for a new economic base that can create a thriving local economy under dreary global economic conditions is a serious obstacle for all other major issues like energy, food, climate, etc...

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

A well planned city is a sustainable city. Walking, biking and public transport taking an even larger role in moving citizens. Food Security: flourishing local community gardens. Increased use of Alternative energy on household and city-wide scale. Increased incentives for conservation: reducing and reusing.



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Name Jessica R. Bloomfield
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Eugene OR 97405
Occupation Graduate / Law Student
Business Address 6206 University of Oregon
Eugene OR 97403

Evening Phone 215 901 2368 **Day Phone** 215 901 2368
Do You Live within the City Limits? Y If so how long? 1 yr 6 mo.
Ward 1 **Neighborhood** Friendly Area Neighbors
Employer Sustainable Cities Initiative
Fax **E-Mail** jbloomfi@uoregon.edu
How did you learn of this vacancy? Friend

Optional Information
Gender F **Age** 19-25 **Ethnicity** White/European American
Additional Languages spoken

Education / Training
Current student at the University of Oregon School of Law and the UO School of Planning, Public Policy and Management (will graduate in 2013 with a J.D./M.C.R.P. dual degree). I graduated from Tufts University with a B.A. in Architecture.

Community Service / Volunteer
The Society Hill Civic Association, Young Involved Philadelphia, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC), Real Estate and Land Use Conference, UO Law Career Services Advisory Board, Sustainable Land Use Fellow

Job Experience
Sustainable Cities Initiative; U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; Eugene City Manager's Office (overseen by Kelly Osborn); Boston Redevelopment Authority; PennFuture (non-profit environmental law firm); The Reinvestment Fund

Personal Experience
I currently work as a Graduate Teaching Fellow for the Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI) at the UO. SCI promotes education, service learning, public outreach, and research on the design and development of sustainable cities.

Disability N **Description**



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Personal Interest

After graduation from my dual degree program at the UO, I hope to work in the public sector to advance sustainability of the built environment (probably local/city government). My experience and knowledge of urban design, legal regulation, and local politics will offer substantial insight into the values and agenda the Sustainability Commission hopes to generate. This experience, along with my passion for creating more livable and sustainable public spaces, has given me the opportunity to learn the best practices and participate in innovative research projects to support local and national sustainability efforts.

Contribution

I want to provide input and advice to the City Manager and City Council on programs and projects that will enhance the sustainability of our community and local environment. I am dedicated to public service and interested in the particular issues facing Eugene. I think that through concentrated discussion, innovation, and collaboration between different stakeholders, Eugene can implement sustainability techniques that will benefit the health, happiness, and economy of Eugene's local area. As a student, I will be able to add innovative and practical knowledge from the most up-to-date research available. I want to be a member of the Sustainability Commission in order to gain more experience in the public sector and work with local officials to help Eugene become a more healthy and livable city for the entire community.

1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

Local food production and distribution, walkable/bikeable streets and sidewalks (complete streets), regulation of waste and reuse/recycling of materials, biofuel technologies.....

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

A sustainable city is one that uses (and reuses) its resources wisely and to the best and highest capacity available. A sustainable city wastes little (land, resources, energy, time, money, etc.) and encourages residents to live lightly on their land. A sustainable city offers a wide range of transportation options and provides opportunities for all types of people to walk or bike to their destinations. Land uses are designed knowledgeably and resources such as food are produced and distributed locally. There is a vast amount of new technology and best practices that contribute to making these attributes possible, and it would be my pleasure to help advise the City on how to make Eugene as healthy and sustainable as possible.



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Name **Arthur M. Farley** Evening Phone **541-346-3414** Day Phone **541-683-1186**

Address **1667 Fairmount Blvd** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **36 years**
Eugene OR 97403

Ward **3** Neighborhood **Fairmont Neighbors**

Occupation **Professor** Employer **University of Oregon**

Business Address **Computer Science** Fax **541-346-5373** E-Mail **art@cs.uoregon.edu**

Eugene OR **97403** How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

Optional Information

Gender **M** Age **56-65** Ethnicity **White/European American** Disability **N** Description

Additional Languages spoken

Education / Training

Job Experience
PhD Computer Science. I have no particular, formal education that is relevant. My interest and participation has given me some understanding.

Personal Experience
I have been active on boards of several environmental organizations: Lane County Audubon, Friends of Eugene Springfield Habitats (FRESH), Eugene Parks Foundation, Friends of the Ridgeline (new).

Community Service / Volunteer

I have been active on a number of City committees and commissions over the years, including Engineering Dept. Advisory Comm on CSWMP, Planning Commissioner for 8 years (Growth Management Study, TransPlan, etc).



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Personal Interest

I have a long standing interest in sustainability: working with nature to solve urban/human problems efficiently (e.g., water and air quality). Understanding the value in maintaining biological diversity as a measure of an area's health and functioning.

Contribution

I believe sustainability is a win-win way to move our community to the future. Employers that emphasize efficient sustainability in their products and in their practices are those that will succeed in the future. I would like to help bring those opportunities to Eugene and create a local culture that supports them. It is important that we try.

1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

Efficient, effective use of our land supply. Efficient, safe, accessible transportation systems. Creating and supporting a community of businesses that emphasize sustainability in their products and practices; these include areas of manufacturing, agriculture, and education. Creating an interconnected system of open space and natural areas for all their values.

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

A sustainable city is one that lives within its limits. Food, energy, and clean water are essential. Securing an adequate, growing, recurring supply of these needed elements and then using them as efficiently as possible to create a vibrant, active, successful community is my vision. There will be a kind of pride than develops from doing these things well that will guide the community into the future.



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Name	George . Hecht	Evening Phone	5412229280	Day Phone	5413462290
Address	1665 Emray Drive Eugene Or 97405	Do You Live within the City Limits?	Y	If so how long?	21 years
Occupation	AVP Campus Operations	Ward	1	Neighborhood	Crest Drive Citizens
Business Address	1276 UO Eugene OR 97405	Employer	U Oregon	Fax	ghecht@uoregon.edu
Optional Information		How did you learn of this vacancy?	Web Site		
Gender	M	Age	56-65	Ethnicity	White/European American
Additional Languages spoken	Spanish				
Education / Training	BS Forestry, MS Forestry and Resource management. MBA Organization and Mgt/Actg. Certified Management Accountant (CMA) in the past Certified Facility Manager (CFM), Certified Energy Manager(CEM). Post grad education in higher education admin.				
Community Service / Volunteer	UO student toastmasters advisor. English as a second language tutor (past). Oregon quality initiative examiner.				
Job Experience	Currently Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration/Campus Operations, University of Oregon. Responsible for all aspects of campus ed facilities operations, construction, utilities, environmental health and safety and admin. 21 years.				
Personal Experience	Over 30 years of experience in environmental issues including nature center development and administration. Service as an interpretive naturalist, parks manager, facility planner and administrator. Three years service as county manager.				



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Personal Interest

I am very interested in all aspects of sustainability and energy conservation. More broadly climate change. I am an active hiker and cyclist, and currently I cycle daily to my work at UO. I am currently studying for the LEED AP-O&M certification.

Contribution

I think there is an opportunity for me to be a part of a larger collaborative effort to bring Eugene and UO as partners to the highest level of environmental achievement and sustainability, and to learn more about the work that Eugene has already done. in that endeavor.

1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

How to best mobilize the strong citizen interest and knowledge base that already exists to develop a groundbreaking program of environmental and sustainable interest and support. To leverage all of the community partners that might contribute to a synergistic effect beyond what normally could be hoped for.

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

A sustainable city would be a leader others would be able to learn from, and would set the highest standards and goals for a sustainable environment that serves and maximizes the quality of life for the citizens and visitors. A living environment would be created that promotes the triple bottom line of social, economic and environmental considerations, and business and economic needs would have an important in creating a liveable and dynamic community.



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Name **Nathan C. Howard** Evening Phone **50393360710** Day Phone **50393360710**
 Address **1853 Fairmount BLVD** Do You Live within the City Limits? **N** If so how long? **2 Years & 4 Months**
Eugene OR 97403 Ward **3** Neighborhood **Fairmont Neighbors**
 Occupation **Student & ASUO Environmental Advocate** Employer **Associated Students of the University of Oregon**
 Business Address **EMU, Suite 4 - 1228 University of Oregon** Fax **5413460620** E-Mail **asuoenv@uoregon.edu**
Eugene OR 97403-1228 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

Optional Information

Gender **M** Age **19-25** Ethnicity **American Indian/Alaskan Native**
 Disability **N** Description

Additional Languages spoken **Spanish**

Education / Training

School course work: Worked on the Sustainable Cities Initiative, presented on climate change science, Worked with Drive Oregon, Conducted cost-benefit analyses, Grant writing

Job Experience

Interned with the Public Interest Research Group & Environment America
Currently appointed Environmental Advocate at the University of Oregon – ASUO

Community Service / Volunteer

Personal Experience



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Current: Environmental Issues Committee Board Member, Campus Planning Committee Board Member, Student Sustainability Advisory Committee Board Member, OSA, Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group member, Climate Justice League coordinator

Environmental Advocate with experience in grant writing, event planning, and volunteer coordination. Worked on transportation planning and policy. Volunteer with various campaigns and non-partisan vote drives. Managed interns and public projects.

Personal Interest

As a conscious University of Oregon student and citizen of Eugene, I have worked tirelessly to advocate for environmental issues and bring focus to the Triple Bottom Line. Many of the most pressing issues that we face today as a community, city, state and country come down to policies that fail to systemically address sustaining prosperity, or sustainability, and I intend to work on these policies. I am interested in transportation alternatives to the gasoline powered combustion engine and believe that several forms of alternative transportation must be able to work in unison.

Contribution

As a member of the Commission, I will bridge the gap between the University and its students' efforts on sustainability and the greater Eugene community's efforts. I want to represent the University of Oregon on the Sustainability Commission.

As I work to help the University of Oregon achieve the goals outlined by its Climate Action Plan, I have realized that greater community cooperation will be necessary. It is for this reason that I have chosen to apply for this commission. I believe that while working together, the University of Oregon and the Eugene community will be able to achieve the goals set out by their respective Climate and Energy Action Plans.



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1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

As we, as a nation and as a region, begin to shift from fossil fuel based energy to renewable resource energy, the transportation sector has started to stick out as a serious issue needing to be addressed. I consider transportation, whether it be anything from people to food, to be the most important sustainability issue facing Eugene. Underscoring the need to address the way transportation is currently functioning, is the City's commitment to reduce community-wide fossil fuel use 50 percent by 2030 and the University's commitment of Climate Neutrality by 2050.

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

A sustainable city will be a city region that has a coherent, bounded relationship to its own defined ecosystem.



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Name **R. George . Jeffcott** Evening Phone **541-344-6447** Day Phone **541-510-9068**
Address **363 Mary Lane** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **1961-present**
Eugene or 97405 Ward **2** Neighborhood **Crest Drive Citizens**
Occupation **retired** Employer
Business Address Fax E-Mail **georgejeffcott@comcast.net**
How did you learn of this vacancy? **Web Site**

Optional Information
Disability **N** Description
Gender **M** Age **66+** Ethnicity **White/European American**

Additional Languages spoken

Education / Training
Job Experience
MA in education; Peace Corps Volunteer in India; Peace Corps Staff, Bombay; Master Gardener, Sustainable Landscape Specialist; Eugene Police Department VIP program; Vice-President, Lane County Master Gardeners Association.
Teacher: have taught every grade level 7th through graduate school. Most of my teaching career was in Eugene 4-J, high school English; Last job was Content Manager for Language Arts, School of Education, University of Oregon.

Community Service / Volunteer
Personal Experience
President of West Cascades Returned Peace Corps 3 times; volunteer on Huckleberry Patrol, EPD (graffiti abatement); board member of NERA (teacher retirement association that aids teachers and students); Master Gardener; VicePrs of Lane MG Assoc.



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Personal Interest

I am a fisherman, a gardener, a rock hound, a world traveller, and a person who enjoys working with people who wish to improve life for those now and those to come.

Contribution

As a Master Gardener I have had training in sustainability issues (water, air, soil). My position as the Vice President of Lane County Master Gardeners also would place in a position of being a liaison between the City of Eugene and Master Gardeners.

1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

It is not all about Eugene. Sustainability must be viewed from a "systems" perspective. Thus, the biggest issue is working towards cooperation between the City of Eugene, the other communities of Lane County, the State of Oregon and even the Federal Government. If I were to pick one single issue to concentrate on in Eugene, however, it is the education of our citizens on how to make sustainability (debris, lawns, recycling, etc.) fun and cost effective.

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

A sustainable city is one that makes as small a carbon imprint as possible; it, therefore, uses its water wisely, limits pollution; taps into renewable energy sources; learns how to balance its landscapes between aesthetic and food needs; and learns how to minimize waste (yard debris, plastics, sewage, heat, etcetera). It is also one that realizes its role within the state and nation and works to foster education and enlightenment about sustainability. It is a city that understands that sustainability is cost effective and fun.



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Name **Mark A. Miksis** Evening Phone **541-344-5500** Day Phone **541-337-5586**
Address **3265 Van Buren** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **30 years**
Eugene OR 97405 Ward **2** Neighborhood **Crest Drive Citizens**
Occupation **Real Estate Development** Employer **Arlie & Company**
Business Address **2911 Tennyson Ave. Suite 400** Fax **mark@arlie.com**
Eugene OR 97408 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Friend**

Optional Information

Gender **M** Age **36-45** Ethnicity **White/European American**

Additional Languages spoken

Education / Training

I have a degree in Architecture from the University of Oregon with a focus on green building and design. I am a LEED accredited professional and I have extensive training in real estate, design and construction.

Community Service / Volunteer

Mayor's Sustainable Business Initiative Task Force, City of Eugene; Green Building Advisory Task Force, City of Eugene; Sustainable Business Symposium, University of Oregon; Oregon Planning Institute; Eugene Chamber of Commerce

Job Experience

Arlie & Company - Director of Real Estate Development, 2004 to Present; School of Architecture and Allied Arts, University of Oregon - Adjunct Professor, 2005

Personal Experience



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Personal Interest

Throughout all my life I have maintained a deep commitment to green building and sustainability. It is a core value I have maintained in the extensive breadth of work I have undertaken in my career. I believe the goals of Commission are of the utmost importance for our community and align directly with my personal core values.

Contribution

As a native Eugenician I have deep ties and a strong sense of commitment to the success of this community. I believe my ties to the business community added to my passion for green building would be an asset to both the Commission and Eugene's citizens.

1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

I believe the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene are the issues the community is currently working on – transportation, land use planning and creating a livable community. The Envision Eugene process, the extension of EMX and the need to update Transplan are critical issues that will have long term consequences for the future of this community. I believe the role of the Sustainability Commission on these issues is critical to the long term success of the solutions to these community wide issues.

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

A sustainable city is an on-going process. It is a city where the citizens and elected officials are constantly striving to address the ever changing issues as they relate to the environment, the economy and the social equity of its citizens. It is not a solution that one person can determine but must be a consensus driven solution of all the citizens of the community.



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Name **Hannah . Oliver**
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Eugene OR 97401
Occupation **Graduate Student**
Business Address

Evening Phone **614-352-7058** Day Phone **614-352-7058**

Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long?

Ward **1** Neighborhood **Jefferson Westside Neighbors**

Employer

Fax E-Mail

How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

Optional Information

Gender Age Ethnicity

Additional Languages spoken

Disability **N** Description

Education / Training

Elon University for undergrad in Political Science concentrating on Environmental Policy. Currently a Graduate Student at the UofO in Community and Regional Planning. I have a broad knowledge of environmental issues and solutions.

Job Experience

I worked as an AmeriCorps member at an environmental non-profit, Our City Forest, located in San Jose, CA. I educated communities about the benefits of the urban forest. I also led a class that taught residents ways to live more sustainable.

Community Service / Volunteer

Extensive community service working as an AmeriCorps member at Our City Forest. Planted trees with volunteers and organized tree planting and education events. I was the recycling coordinator the Sierra Club Chapter at Elon University.

Personal Experience

I traveled to Brazil's Amazon to study deforestation and the effects on small villages. Also authored a thesis researching the effects concentrated animal farms have on water quality in North Carolina.



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Contribution

I have a passion for sharing sustainability practices with others and believe Eugene is a prime city to be a leader in sustainability.

I want to move the city of Eugene in a direction where sustainability is a main objective. Also, I want to reach out to the community and educate individuals about what they can do to work with the city to create a more sustainable place.

1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

Eugene recently adopted the Climate Energy Action Plan and I believe implementing that plan will be a challenge. Nonetheless, the implementation of the Climate Energy Action Plan will make huge strides in creating a sustainable Eugene.

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

Simply a sustainable city is a place where collaboratively residents, government, and businesses considers the environmental impacts of their actions. It takes all of three of these entities to create a lasting sustainable future.



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Name **Julie L. Reid** Evening Phone **541 5543662** Day Phone **541 5543662**
Address **1680 Moss St. #2** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **6 years**
Eugene, OR 97403 Ward **3** Neighborhood **Fairmont Neighbors**
Occupation **Student FT/Dance Instructor PT** Employer **Self**
Business Address **189 W. 8th** Fax **541 5543662** E-Mail **reid@uoregon.edu**
Eugene, OR 97401 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

Optional Information
Gender **F** Age **46-55** Ethnicity **White/European American** Disability **N** Description

Additional Languages spoken

Education / Training
Public Policy Major-Graduation 6/2012 Coursework- Thinking Sustainably, Intro to Nonprofit Sector, Critical Thinking, Comm Leadership & Change, Public Communication, Grant Writing.

Job Experience
I am a nontraditional student who has worked one on one with clients since 1980 through dance instruction and real estate. I was a national dance competitor and top producer in my real estate office. I understand the needs of people.

Community Service / Volunteer
Global Renaissance Alliance, Atlanta, GA-1998-2003 Reg. Dir., Spiritual Activism, Dept. of Peace. Non Traditional Student Union Leadership Team, University of Oregon Looking Glass-2002

Personal Experience
I grew up in West Eugene. As an adult I lived in large cities. I returned because of family. Due to a personal injury and economics, I took the opportunity to fulfill my live long goal of a higher education at the UO. I plan to stay.



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Personal Interest

My interests are in helping to shape public policy. I also like to see things get accomplished! I feel we are at a pivotal point in Eugene that requires vision, inclusivity mixed with practical application. Toastmasters, Russian, history, outdoor discovery. McNair Scholars Program Recipient, Bernard T. Osher Scholarship, Edmunson/Davis Scholarship.

Contribution

I would like to see W. 11th business owners at the table with Springfield business owners so they can understand that they probably felt the same way, and share their current experience. I have an idea about an additional way to feed our poor and homeless. I want to know that we are including all of our citizens in our vision for the future. I want to learn how decisions are made at this level. We have a terrific mayor and city council members and I would like to help support them in the important work that they do.

1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

I am a strong proponent of the continued growth of the EmX. With the anticipated arrival of 25,000 new citizens over the next 20 years, it is important that we support infrastructure. Allowing for growth while maintaining the essence of Eugene will be a challenge I would like to engage in.

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

A sustainable city has a number of interconnected systems that are able to recycle, rethink, reframe or react to its waste so that it does not deplete the source. Effective stormwater runoffs systems, alternative transportation systems, new housing models, development of jobs that benefit the region and have the possibility for growth. Thank you for your time!



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Name **Christopher D. Ruderman** Evening Phone **541-463-9850** Day Phone **541-346-5927**
Address **108 Bampton Ct** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **10yrs. 7 mos.**
Eugene OR 97404 Ward **5** Neighborhood **Santa Clara Community Organization**
Occupation **Financial Manager** Employer **University of Oregon**
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Eugene OR 97404 How did you learn of this vacancy? **Friend**

Optional Information

Gender **M** Age **46-55** Ethnicity **White/European American**

Additional Languages spoken

Education / Training

Master of Public Administration Candidate, UO; projected grad.: 6/11.
Advanced Accounting Certificate, College of DuPage
BS - Political Science, Western Illinois University
Certified management Accountant

Community Service / Volunteer

St. Peter's Church - various

Job Experience

8/2008 - Present: Financial Manager, University Housing, UO
7/2000 - 8/2008: Controller, Aramark Uniform Services

Personal Experience

My interest in sustainability is evident in my choice of concentration in the MPA Program at UO: Environmental Planning. I have completed courses on Bike Planning (instructor David Roth), Watershed Management, and Green Cities.



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Personal Interest	Contribution
Bike commuting, composting, gardening, energy conservation, sustainability. Sustainability is perhaps the most vexing issue of our time.	As a professional financial manager, I'd like to help with preparing projections of the cost of proposed sustainability programs.
1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene? Climate change will make water conservation and food security critical issues in the future, so we need to act accordingly right now.	
2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.	
A sustainable city would consist of an informed citizenry, who collectively act to minimize/eliminate the use of personal motorized transportation, bike commute, utilize public transportation, grow some/most of their own food, compost, recycle, and conserve energy at work and at home.	



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Name	Andrew J. Serres	Evening Phone	503-507-9135	Day Phone	503-507-9135
Address	1673 Olive Alley Eugene OR 97401	Do You Live within the City Limits?	Y	If so how long?	3+ Years
Occupation	Student/Student Research Assistant	Ward	1	Neighborhood	Jefferson Westside Neighbors
Business Address	1293 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1293	Employer	Robert D. Clark Honors College		
Optional Information		Fax		E-Mail	aserres@uoregon.edu
Gender	M	Age	19-25	Ethnicity	White/European American
Additional Languages spoken	English				
Education / Training	B.A. Environmental Studies from University of Oregon (June 2011), Researcher for the Sustainable Cities Initiative report to the City of Gresham (2009), Sustainability Quality Circle member (2010), Founder of The Pioneers sustainability group (2010)				
Community Service / Volunteer	Climate Justice League Trainings Coordinator (2010-11), ReGrow Eugene Team Facilitator (2010-11) Chair of the Community Outreach Team (2009), Academic Initiatives Quality Circle Member (2009), Grand Aspirations Leadership Development Core Member				
Job Experience	Environmental Leadership Program Member (2010), Clark Honors College Student Research Assistant (2010-11), University of Oregon Housing Resident Assistant (2008-2010), Living Tongues Institute for Endangered Languages Grant Researcher (2009-11)				
Personal Experience	Background in evaluating large-scale systems to find ways to reduce energy use and motivate people to take specific sustainable actions. Currently writing a thesis on effective community engagement models in regards to sustainable actions in Eugene.				
Disability	N	Description			
How did you learn of this vacancy?	Friend				



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Personal Interest

Contribution

Throughout my career at the University of Oregon I have immersed myself in issues of sustainability and during this last year I have strived to look for ways to help improve the health and vitality of the communities around me in Eugene. I have come to realize how many opportunities there are to give back to people in this city. By getting the chance to serve on the Eugene Sustainability Commission I would combine my interests in finding ways to support my local community alongside my deep passion for finding solutions to the difficulties facing the creation of a more sustainable Eugene.



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By working with Grand Aspirations (a national community engagement non-profit) and the Sustainable Cities Initiative, in particular, I have learned positive ways to collaborate alongside students, government officials, and community members both here in Oregon and on a national scale. Through finding out what community members and cities need and working with my peers to help develop successful approaches to their needs I have sharply increased my understanding of the power of cooperation and mutual support. In addition this work also allowed me the chance to implement my research on sustainable practices and initiatives such as programs to reduce energy use on a block-by-block level and how to improve access to local food.

With the Climate Justice League (CJL) and the Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) I have not only helped coordinate trainings for over 50-60 people and taught over 250 students at local middle schools, but I have also had the amazing opportunity to work on local transportation options. In the ELP I worked with local schools to find safe ways for students to get to school using alternative means of transportation as part of the Federal Safe Routes to School Program. I organized, for the CJL, a West Eugene EmX Extension Community Dialogue event that brought together opposing viewpoints on the extension service and helped create a non-hostile atmosphere that allowed each individual to understand people on all sides of the issue.

I wish to bring my skills and passions, as well as these experiences from the organizations I have worked with, to the Eugene Sustainability Commission and use them to assist the City of Eugene in finding sustainable options for the future.



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1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

There are many pressing sustainability concerns in Eugene, however one that I believe to be particularly large, yet entirely achievable of reducing, is the amount of energy use in the city. With every available option for lowering our energy use in our homes, businesses, city offices, and every other type of building there is often a corresponding challenge in implementing energy efficiency systems. However, with my own research in energy reduction strategies at other cities and large-scale institutions I have compiled a significant list of opportunities to succeed in lowering the amount of energy use, which I believe would aid the Eugene Sustainability Commission.

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

For me a sustainable city would be one in which the population respects and supports each other and lives within the means of their bioregion. This sustainable city would provide holistic education, healthcare and social services for all people regardless of their background or economic status. The city would also use ecosystems and other services only in ways that do not limit future generations or impose negative externalities on the surrounding area or in communities outside the city. With an emphasis on the interdependence between all people and forms of life, this city would uphold the ability for each present and future member to succeed.



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Sustainability Commission

Name **Sam J. Thompson** Evening Phone **9715069793** Day Phone **same**

Address **2645 Alder** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **2 years 6 months**

Occupation **student** Ward **E-UGB** Neighborhood **Amazon Neighbors**

Business Address **Eugene OR 97401** Employer **Sustainable Cities Initiative**

Optional Information Fax **E-Mail Samuel@uoregon.edu**

How did you learn of this vacancy? **Mail**

Gender **M** Age **19-25** Ethnicity **Choose not to respond** Disability **N** Description

Additional Languages spoken **Spanish**

Education / Training Job Experience

At the U of O I have focused my coursework around sustainability. I've done well in EVNS 350: Ecological Energy Generation, PPPM 399: Thinking Sustainably, Phys 162: Solar and Renewable Energies, PPPM 199: Policies to Mitigate Climate Change.

As a Sustainable Cities Initiative Steward I conduct analysis and gather feedback about how people are reacting to the changes SCI has made in communities like Salem and Gresham.

Community Service / Volunteer Personal Experience

My work for the Sustainable Cities Initiative is all volunteer. I am also involved in the Sustainable Business Club, and the Entrepreneurship Club, both of which conduct projects in the community.

I have a LEAD certified father who has taught me about sustainable design and the important issue of the field since I was a child. I have made sustainability my focus at the U of O, and hope to broaden my experience as a member of this Commission.



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I want to make Eugene more sustainable and get involved in the process of city government. I'm involved in the Climate Justice League, the UO Student Sustainability Coalition,

I will bring a new attitude that will energize the commission and help get young people involved in making a difference in our community. I could also act as a voice for student concerns.

1 What do you consider to be the most important sustainability issues facing Eugene?

Energy generation is a concern for every city across the country, and Eugene is no exception. Finding new ways to get electricity into our grid is a major issue. However, before we spend millions and millions of dollars to try and create new sources, lets maximize the efficiency of the sources we already employ. Conservation needs to be a principle goal for this council. If we could convince everyone in the city to cut down on their consumption of water and electricity just 10% it would have an enormous impact.

2 Briefly outline your understanding of what a sustainable city would be like.

A sustainable city is one in which residents use what they need, and reuse it when they are finished. Recycling our wastes, and reusing our old materials is just one step. A truly sustainable city generates its own power, cleans and reuses its own water, and turns these commitments into jobs within the community.

BALLOT FOR SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Winter 2011

VOTE RESULTS

Below is a list of all the applicants for the vacancy on the Sustainability Commission and the votes of those councilors who have submitted their ballots.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION: ONE (1) VACANCY

Arthur, Joshua (Interviewed)	_____	Appoint
Bloomfield, Jessica (Interviewed)	BT_____	Appoint
Farley, Arthur (Interviewed)	PF, CP, GB___	Appoint
Hecht, George	_____	Appoint
Howard, Nathan	_____	Appoint
Jeffcott, George R.	_____	Appoint
Miksis, Mark	_____	Appoint
Oliver, Hannah	_____	Appoint
Reid, Julie	_____	Appoint
Ruderman, Christopher (Interviewed)	GP_____	Appoint
Serres, Andrew (Interviewed)	_____	Appoint
Thompson, Sam	_____	Appoint