

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve McGeehan, Scott Fedale, Tina Hilding, Fred Pollard, Carly Lilly, Victoria Seever, Tim Hatten, Amber Ziegler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mete Yuksel

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Kyle Steele, Staff Liaison; Kelli Cooper, Sustainability Technician; Brandy Sullivan, Council Liaison; Mary Dupree, Mac Cantrell, David Hall

1. Approval of minutes from the February 20, 2018-Steve McGeehan

Result: Approved (Unanimous)

Mover:

Seconder:

Abstain: Pollard, Ziegler

2. City Sustainability Report-Kelli Cooper

Kelli Cooper, City of Moscow Sustainability Technician, will update the Commission on the City's sustainability activities.

ACTION: Receive the report and provide applicable feedback to staff.

Cooper informed the members that March 22, 2018 is World Water Day. She also updated staff on toilet rebate participation so far this fiscal year. Between October 1, 2017 to the present, there have been 28 households and 6 commercial entities with households being on par with last year's numbers but commercial participation showing an increase. Total annual water savings since implementation of the toilet rebate program is approximately 1.8 million gallons. Cooper also informed the Commission of upcoming Earth month activities taking place in April. There will be daily social media posts on sustainability topics. The annual Downtown Clean up and Storm Drain Placards event will take place on April 20th. A movie screening of DisneyNature Wings of Life will take place at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre at 2pm. iCount will take place on April 26th and the City is actively seeking volunteers. The City of Moscow will also be represented at Bike Fix on the UI campus. Cooper also updated the Commission on the Public Information and Education (PIE) program, with 60 visits completed or scheduled for the 2017-2018 school year as of meeting time.

3. City of Moscow and the Citizens' Climate Lobby-Palouse Region – Al Poplawsky and Mary DuPree

Discuss letter prepared by Citizens' Climate Lobby-Palouse Region Chapter recommending the City of Moscow join other Idaho cities in encouraging effective climate/energy legislation.

ACTION: Vote on sending a letter to the Mayor and City Council and provide staff further direction.

Dupree presented 3 separate options, in draft form, to forward to the Mayor and Council, 2 letters and 1 resolution. After some discussion, it was determined that all three had merit but the letters should be combined, and should be sent with the Resolution to Council.

Hilding motioned to have Citizen's Climate Lobby put together a final draft of a letter and resolution that the SEC will endorse. Fedale seconds. Motion passes.

Result: Approved (unanimous) Mover: Hilding Second: Fedale
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4. Moscow High School Subcommittee-Mete Yuksel

Report on sustainability activities at Moscow High School including the environmental club and soil society.

ACTION: Receive the report and take other such action as deemed appropriate

Yuksel was absent. Cooper updated the commission on the state of the Solar project that students in the Environmental Club are currently working on. The students were able to meet with district staff and Matt Spencer with Home and Ranch Solar Energy to determine the best site for the project and to get an idea of cost for use in writing grants to fund the project.

5. Earth Day Awards – Steve McGeehan

The City of Moscow is seeking nominations for the Mayor's 2018 Earth Day Awards. The awards recognize Moscow residents for activities conducive to environmental sustainability.

ACTION: SEC members and guests will prepare nominations for individuals and organizations. The SEC will also organize nominations received from Moscow community members. A final list of nominees will be forwarded to the Mayor for consideration.

Commission members discussed several nominations for the Mayor's Earth Day Awards. Staff agreed to send out a press release seeking nominations from the public for consideration and forwarding to the Mayor.

6. Pesticides in City Parks – Steve McGeehan

Steve will provide a brief update on activities and any new developments.

ACTION: Receive the report and take other such action as deemed appropriate or provide staff further direction.

McGeehan informed members that there haven't been any new developments. Lilly informed Steve and the Commission of new information she received from Beyond Pesticides. She will compile for future discussion by the Commission.

7. Farmers Market Table– Steve McGeehan

Steve will provide a brief description of options for city commissions to staff a table at the Farmers Market.

ACTION: Receive the report and take other such action as deemed appropriate or provide staff further direction.

Members chose to seek availability for two (2) Saturday Markets in September for tabling. Steve will follow up with Market staff.

8. Announcements/Other Business

Next Meeting April 17, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Minutes Approved On

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City Deputy Signature
Steve McGeehan (City Deputy for Stamped by Deputy City Clerk)