

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, Victoria Seever, Tina Hilding, Tim Hatten, Fred Pollard, Amber Ziegler, Ilan Carter, Sandye Crooks

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Kyle Steele, Staff Liaison; Kelli Cooper, Sustainability Technician; Brandy Sullivan, Council Liaison; David Hall, Brian Ogle

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

Result: Approved with an amendment to the Pesticide Question by Hatten (Unanimous)

Mover: Fedale

Second: Seever

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 Commission of several upcoming events and activities happening for Earth Month. The City will have an active Earth Month messaging campaign on Facebook and other social media. The City will have a booth at Bike Fix tomorrow (April 18th). The Annual Downtown Clean up and Storm Drain Placards will take place on Friday April 20th at 10:00 a.m. The Cleanup will also serve as the National Service and Volunteer Recognition Day for the City. The City is also showing a movie, Disney Nature: Wings of Life, at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre on Sunday, April 22nd at 2pm to promote Wisescapes® and the importance of pollinators. The annual iCount event is also slated to take place on April 26th if Cooper can get enough volunteers to run the event.

3. Moscow High School Subcommittee-Ilan Carter

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

Carter informed the Commission that May is Bike or Walk to School Month so the Environmental Club is working on an award system for walking/biking to school. On May 26th there is a plan for a group to bike to Troy and pick up trash. Carter also informed the Commission that the Soil Society has made progress toward removing the sand pit and they are working on an outdoor commons design project with the space. The Environmental Club is also planning on volunteering at this year's Ren Fair.

4. City of Moscow and The Citizens' Climate Lobby-Palouse Region-Al Poplawsky and Mary Dupree

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

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

Dupree and Poplawsky were not in attendance. McGeehan updated the Commission. McGeehan stated that Dupree and Poplawsky have met with every Council member except for Art Bettge. So far the response has been positive. Next steps include meeting with Art Bettge, then sending the final letter and resolution to committee and a letter of support from the SEC.

5. Avista's Involvement With Coal-Fired Electric Plants (Hatten)

Tim, Tina, and Scott are working on a draft white paper on the Colstrip power Plant.

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

Hatten updated the Commission on current work in this matter. He said that they are working on a letter to Council to encourage Council to encourage AVISTA to divest from the Colstrip power plant in Montana. Next steps would be to prepare questions for AVISTA specific to the Colstrip plant and divestiture and bring them back for a second meeting as well as bring a Sierra Club representative who is familiar with the issue to a meeting to discuss how the process went in Washington and ask if any progress has been made with starting an agreement in Idaho.

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 the Commission that the Edible forest land swap is moving forward. He also informed the Commission that the Parks department wants to go pesticide-free and will continue working with the SEC. They will likely try somewhere else first since the edible park

will take some time to establish. McGeehan will suggest that the easiest way to start is to set up a no-spray zone.

7. City of Moscow Commission Training (McGeehan)

The City will be hosting a Commission Member training session on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Gary Riedner, City Supervisor will lead the training, with input from Jen Pfiffner, Assistant City Supervisor, Laurie Hopkins, City Clerk and Mia Vowels, City Attorney. Topics to be covered will include: Commission Types & Responsibilities, Commission, Staff Liaison, Council Liaison Roles, Idaho Open Meeting Laws, Agendas and Minutes Processes and Updates, and Commission Orientation Processes.

8. Announcements/Other Business

The City is currently soliciting nominations for Service to Commissions awards.

This Saturday at the Kenworthy @ 7:00 p.m., there will be a Rendezvous in the Park "Battle of the Bands competition."

Pathways Commission is sponsoring a Bike to Work Day on May 11th and they will have coffee and treats available at certain locations from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Next meeting will be May 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk/Deputy Signature

Steve McGeehan, Chair (or stamped by Deputy City Clerk)