

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve McGeehan; Scott Fedale; Amber Ziegler; Tim Hatten; Victoria Seever; Fred Pollard; Debbie Kadlec; Ilan Carter

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

1. Approval of minutes from the June 19, 2018-Steve McGeehan

Result: Approved with revisions to correct typos and clarifying a few points

Mover: Scott Fedale

Seconder: Amber 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 showed the commission a picture of the latest Wisescape® Demo garden at the entrance to the Water Reclamation and Reuse Facility. It is an example of a dry river bed. Cooper also informed the commission that work on the Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory is moving forward, with most data requests having been sent out. Cooper met with Avista this morning to discuss her request and plans to meet with UI staff in the near future. Cooper also updated the commission on the Farmer's Market recycling program. She has met with the Market Manager to discuss next steps with the goal being to complete some disposables audits and possibly a couple pilots this year. We will be working on implementing recycling and composting programs simultaneously. Cooper also informed the commission that the City Hall restroom upgrades to high efficiency fixtures is expected to take place within a couple weeks.

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 since it is summer, not much is happening right now. Carter mentioned the annual Turtle Conservation Trip where students travel to Mexico to assist researchers in getting the newly hatched turtles into the sea. He also mentioned that several students from the environmental club went to Phillips Farm for a work day. In addition, the Soil Society has members who are currently maintaining the garden in the courtyard of the high school every couple weeks. It is mostly planted with natives. Some student volunteers will also be doing face painting at Rendezvous in the Park.

4. Pesticides In City Parks

Continue the discussion of points raised at the June SEC meeting including: 1) collect information and establish baseline data at Otness this summer, 2) research and summarize relevant information related to pesticide-free and/or reduced use management, and 3) check with Nichole Baker and other city staff regarding approach taken on the Wisescape project.

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

McGeehan provided a brief recap of the visit from Dwight Curtis from the last meeting. The next steps to come out of that meeting are for the SEC to research, collect and summarize more information, including talking to Nichole Baker about the Wisescape project at City Hall. Scott Fedale provided some handouts of information on entities in the Pacific Northwest that are doing this successfully. Discussion on the need to establish baseline data followed and how best to collect that information. A subcommittee was formed to accomplish the needs discussed. Members of the SEC who will serve on the subcommittee are Debbie Kadlec, Tim Hatten, Scott Fedale, and Steve McGeehan. Mark Heinlein, from the Parks and Recreation Commission, will also serve on the subcommittee. Kyle Steele will follow up with Dwight Curtis to find out who will serve as a representative of Parks staff.

5. National Drive Electric Week- Al Poplasky and Tim Hatten

National Drive Electric Week is Sept. 8-16. The local Sierra Club group wants to create some dialogue on the issue here in Moscow. The idea is to put on an event to show-off and discuss Electric Vehicles (EVs)

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

Hatten informed the commission that National Drive electric week, sponsored by the Sierra Club and Plug-in America, is September 8-16th this year. A website has been set up for Cities to set up and publicize their own events. There is currently one event in Moscow Scheduled for Sept. 15th, in the Rosauer's parking lot.

6. Announcements/Other Business

The SEC will be tabling at the Farmer's Market on June 30th and September 22nd. Please be aware of this as McGeehan will be looking for volunteers to fill these time slots soon. Kelli Cooper and Carly Lily will be working on some display items to use.

August 6th at 7pm Steve McGeehan will be presenting the annual commission update at the City Council meeting.

The weekend, July 20-22nd, is Rendezvous at the Park

October 8th is the annual Water Summit from 4-8pm at SEL in Pullman.

Next meeting will be August 21st.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

AUG 21 2018


Clerk/Deputy Signature

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