

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; Sandye Crooks; Tina Hilding; Victoria Seever; Fred Pollard; Ilan Carter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debbie Kadlec; Amber Ziegler; Tim Hatten

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

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

Result: Unanimous approval

Mover: Fred Pollard

Second: Scott Fedale

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 that the City Hall fixture upgrades have finally been completed. The new fixtures are estimated to save up to 60% of the water compared to the old fixtures. Cooper also informed the commission that the City hosted a SYNC (Serving Your New Community) event for incoming UI students. We had 12 students and we cleaned up a portion of Paradise Creek from the intersection of Sweet & Main to Ghormley Park. The City also intends to have a presence during Drive Electric Week September 8-16th. The City has signed up to have the EV out on the 8th as part of the event taking place in McCoy Plumbing parking lot. This is the educational event versus the one taking place on the 16th, which is geared toward test rides, etc. Palouse Bike Week is also coming up in the month of September, the 17th-22. There are all kinds of events occurring between Pullman and Moscow. In addition to daily bicycle challenges, we will have a Bike to Market day on Saturday the 22nd where the City will be hosting a bicycle show! Lastly, Cooper reminded the Commission that they will be tabling at the Farmer's Market on the 22nd as well and that she will need their assistance packing the rest of the seeds to give away.

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 school starts next Wednesday so not a lot is happening yet but will be soon. However, some students are helping with the recycling at a UI event this Thursday.

4. Pesticides in City Parks-Steve McGeehan

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 Stated that the subcommittee tried to have a meeting but conflicted with open meeting laws, and whether or not the subcommittee would be required to follow them. The members of the commission were not opposed to following these rules, which would only be required if decisions would be made in the subcommittee. McGeehan would like to confirm who is on the subcommittee: Debbie Kadlec (Chair); Steve McGeehan; Carly Lily; Scott Fedale; Mark Heinlein (Parks and Rec Commission); Nancy Tribble (Parks and Rec Commission); David Schott, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Calvin Macy, Parks staff. Jeannie Matheson, UI Sustainability Center Director, would be interested in running a parallel project on Campus as well. Some discussion took place regarding weed counts before the end of summer and Carter offered to talk to the Environmental Club about doing a few counts this fall.

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

Mary Dupree informed the commission that there would be a kick-off event to launch the week at the Vandal Block Party on September 7th from 6-8pm. Then on September 8th, there would be an event in the McCoy parking lot where multiple electric vehicles and plug in hybrids would be on display. This event is sponsored by the Citizen's Climate Lobby, the Sierra Club and McCoy Plumbing.

6. Announcements/Other Business

The Citizen's Climate Lobby updated the commission on their work toward a resolution. The City of Pullman Council were to vote on a similar resolution to the one proposed in Moscow at their next Council meeting. It asks Congress to put Carbon fee with monies going to help low

income households. The City of Moscow is currently working on a letter and something will be out soon. The presentation to Council was well received.

Amber Ziegler (not in attendance) sent an email to inform the commission that the Northwest Climate Conference would be held in Boise, October 9-11 this year. There are multiple items on the agenda that may interest the SEC. It can be found at <http://pnwclimateconference.org/>

David Hall informed the commission about a possible presentation on Smart Metering.

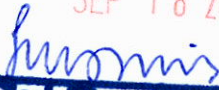
The Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee has a new alternative Water source that they are considering.

Symphony of the Soil is playing this Thursday at the Utilitarian Church at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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

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