

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; Victoria Seever; Fred Pollard; Amber Ziegler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debbie Kadlec; Sandye Crooks; Ilan Carter;

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Kelli Cooper, AmeriCorps Sustainability Technician; Brandy Sullivan, Council Liaison; Russ Moore; Brian Ogle; Mark Heinlein; David Hall; Chase Collins; Kevin Booth; Sandra Spearman; Christopher Bitikofer; Tammy Getts

1. Approval of minutes from the August 21, 2018-Steve McGeehan

Result: Unanimous approval

Mover: Fred Pollard

Seconder: 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 provided an update to the Commission regarding Drive Electric Week. The City participated in the pre-event at the Vandal Block Party as well as the first Saturday event on September 8th. Both events were well attended and we talked to multiple people. The vehicles drew a lot of interest. Cooper also informed the Commission that Palouse Bike Week began on Sunday, September 16th. We have a Social Media campaign with different themed rides every day. The City will also have a presence at the UI bike fix tomorrow, September 19th. On Saturday September 22, the City will host the inaugural Palouse Area Bicycle Show as a sort of Capstone event. It will include the following: a bicycle safety check station hosted by Palouse Bicycle Collective, Paradise Creek will be done with a few e-bikes and a Penny Farthing, Safe Routes to School, Velomobile, Moscow Police, Latah Trail Foundation, the Pathways Commission, MAMBA, a bike decorating station, and the Moscow Co-op smoothie bike. Cooper also informed the commission that Victoria was the only one who showed up to pack seeds so there are still some left to pack if anyone has time this week let her know. Cooper also updated the Commission on the changes to the single stream recycling program. Low grade plastics, numbered #3-7, will no longer be accepted in roll carts or at the Recycling Center. Aseptic packaging, tin foil and foil containers, plastic bags, shredded paper and pots and pans

will also no longer be accepted in the roll carts. Shredded paper and pots and pans will still be accepted at the Recycling Center. Latah Sanitation is planning an aggressive education campaign to inform residents of the changes. They will be going door to door during times people will actually be home in order to be able to talk to them. They will also be handing out a packet of information to include new yes/no sheets, reduction strategies flyer, and the Washington Department of Ecology Recycling guide.

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 was absent so no report was given.

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 provided a quick review of what has occurred thus far for guests. A subcommittee will be formed and because it includes members of two separate commissions and City Staff, it will follow open meeting laws to include the posting of an agenda and minutes. Debbie Kadlec has stepped down as chair of this subcommittee so Steve McGeehan will chair. The subcommittee will meet next week. Subcommittee members are available in the evenings.

Guest Chase Collins, a student at UI, is hoping to run a parallel project on the UI campus. She is applying for a mini grant through the UI Sustainability Center, with a deadline of October 4th. She is currently in the process of recruiting her team and getting the grant application in.

5. Palouse Area Bicycle Show – Palouse Bicycle Collective

The SEC has been asked to sponsor the purchase of bar-end plugs for the Palouse Area Bicycle Show that will take place on September 22nd. A representative from the Palouse Bicycle collective will be at the meeting to discuss the item and make the formal request.

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

Tammy Getts from the Palouse Bicycle Collective asked the Commission to sponsor 110 bar end plugs at the cost of \$75. These will be used at the upcoming Palouse Area bicycle Show at the safety check station being run by the Palouse Bicycle Collective (PBC), but it is also the goal of the PBC to offer these at their business free of charge to anyone who needs them. They are hoping to create a sustainable program out of this in order to help prevent tragedies such as the one that occurred in Pullman over the summer. After some questions and discussion by

members of the Commission, Scott Fedale proposed increasing the amount from \$75 to \$150 and motioned accordingly. Tina Hilding seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Announcements/Other Business

Debbie Kadlec has decided to resign from the SEC.

Farmer's Market Table September 22, 2018 – Tina Hilding will take the 8 am shift, followed by Scott Fedale.

Registration is open for the Northwest Climate Conference October 9-11, 2018. Presenters will include Boise's Public Works Director presenting on their 100% renewables plan. Amber will give a report at a future SEC meeting.

There will be a tour of the UI Steam plant tomorrow evening at 6 or 7 pm.

Brandi Sullivan, our Council Liaison, was contacted about solar at the pool and thought this might be something for the Commission to look into.

Tim Hatten has now formally resigned his post as SEC member via letter the Mayor.

The Palouse Basin Water Summit will take place on October 18, 2018 at SEL. Sandra Postel will be the keynote speaker.

The Latah County Library is hosting a Repair Café on October 13th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Pullman Council approved the Citizen's Climate Lobby report.

Citizen's Climate Lobby meeting this Thursday, September 20th at 5:30pm in the 1912 Center.

Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee meeting this Thursday, September 20th. The Logos water rights permit request will be discussed. The permit has been protested by the City of Moscow, Latah County, and the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee.

Pullman Chamber of Commerce newsletter featured a piece on Pullman's water conservation efforts.

The film *Albatross* will be showing on Wednesday, September 19th at 7pm at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre. It is hosted by the Audubon Society.

A Landscaping Trees and Shrubs class will be held at the HIRC on Saturday 12-2pm.

David Hall provided an update on the Smart Meter presenter. In order to present he would like airfare and hotel reimbursement. January or February might be good options.

Open house for Sanitation plan on October 3rd from 6-8pm in Council Chambers.

City Workshop on recycling following Public Works and Finance Committee meeting on October 29th.

Paradise Ridge construction project updated. They have scheduled a date for public comments session on November 6th in Portland, Oregon for the environmental impact statement.

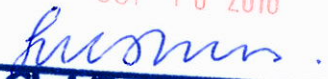
Hydro One/Avista merger likely to happen.

Next meeting October 16, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Clerk/Deputy Signature

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