

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Fred Pollard-Vice Chair; Scott Fedale; Kevin Booth (University of Idaho College Seat); Victoria Seever; Russ Moore; Tina Hilding; Ilan Carter (Moscow High School Subcommittee), Carly Lilly

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Ziegler

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Kyle Steele, Staff Liaison; Katherine Bonzo, Council Liaison; Brandi Sullivan, David Hall, Diana Armstrong, Mike Lounsbury, Brooke Lounsbury, Sandy Wickum, Romney Boehm, Sherry Dodson, Nance Hample, Lois Cadwallader

1. Approval of minutes, with noted changes, from February 26, 2019-Steve McGeehan

Result: Approved (Unanimous)

Mover: Fedale

Second: Hilding

2. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper (Action Item)

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

ACTION: Receive the report

No updates.

3. Moscow High School Subcommittee- Ilan Carter (Action Item)

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

ACTION: Receive the report

Carter reported that a snow day blocked the environmental club from holding its scheduled meeting. The soil society is planning a picnic in the high school commons and the plastic TREX collection has had little participation. A guest asked if items will be collected during the summer and K. Bonzo indicated they are discussing that now.

4. The Smart Grid, Dirty Electricity, 5G and EMFs - Bill Cadwallader (Action Item)

Mr. Cadwallader's book, *Exposed: The Electronic Sickening of America and How to Protect Yourself* gives the "back story" about electromagnetic radiation and provides information so that the reader can discern fact from fiction regarding the safety of wireless technology and dirty electricity.

ACTION: Receive the presentation

Mr. Cadwallader gave his presentation and there were numerous questions asked by the Commission Members and guests concerning radiation and its effects. The discussion also focused on when Smart Meters may be installed in Moscow and other sources to be aware of. The Commission members would like to invite Paul Kimmel from Avista to come and talk about the technology they are implementing in areas outside of Moscow and the probability of them beginning the installation in the Moscow area.

5. Earth Day Awards (A) – Steve McGeehan (Action Item)

The City of Moscow is seeking nominations for the Mayor's 2019 Earth Day Awards. The awards recognize Moscow residents for activities conducive to environmental sustainability.

ACTION: SEC members and guests will discuss and vote on nominations for individuals and organizations. The final list of nominees will be forwarded to the Mayor for consideration.

The Commission has collected and is finalizing nominations for the awards. There was discussion about nominations for individuals, businesses and organizations. Any revisions are to be submitted to the Commission Chair by Thursday. The final list of nominees will be forwarded to the Mayor for consideration. The general public can also submit nominations directly to the Mayor.

6. Pesticides in City Parks – Steve McGeehan (Action Item)

Report on subcommittee meeting regarding pesticide use and land management in city parks.

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

A subcommittee was formed in cooperation with Moscow Parks and Recreation Department and Director, Dwight Curtis in particular. A meeting was held last week to discuss and explore pesticide reduction programs used by other cities. Scott Fedale suggested that they work with the "Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides". There was discussion and the Commission decided to examine case studies and examples of trials and information to see what other people have done. Their findings will then be reported back to Parks and Recreation and other commissions on pesticide reduction suggestions.

7. Commission Table at the Moscow Farmers Market – Steve McGeehan (Action Item)

The Moscow Farmers Market is currently working on putting together the Commission Table schedule for the upcoming season.

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

Steve McGeehan will pick a Saturday in the middle of September and Kyle Steele will inform Amanda Argona, Farmer's Market Manager of the date decided on.

8. SEC FY2020 budget request – Steve McGeehan (Action Item)

The FY2020 budget preparation will be starting soon. Most commissions request some funds and have a line item to accommodate. A memo is required detailing the amount they will be requesting and what projects/programs the money will be used for.

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

Steve McGeehan advised that Commission funds could be used for activities and to co-sponsor events like films and classes. Typically, the request is for \$1,200. Kyle Steele and Steve McGeehan will

prepare the budget request for submission. A couple of the suggestions were for more presentations in the schools and to sponsor a class for solar enthusiasts, which Fred Pollard will get more information on.

9. 2019 Idaho and Eastern Washington Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) Conference – Steve McGeehan (Action Item)

The Idaho and eastern Washington CCL conference will be hosted in Moscow on April 19 and 20. The conference will give newcomers and seasoned CCL members the opportunity to connect, learn, practice skills, and strategize to move our country toward climate solutions. A detailed announcement and agenda will be available soon.

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

Steve McGeehan informed the Commission that the pre-conference public talk and dinner reception (free events) begins Friday, April 19, 2019. The conference will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the 1912 Center from 8:30 a.m., to 6:15 p.m. This conference gives newcomers and seasoned CCL members the opportunity to connect, learn, practice skills, and strategize to move our country toward climate solutions.

10. Announcements/Other Business

Potential speakers:

Fracking by Shelley Brock (April 16th)

E bikes by Andrika Kuhle's 4th Grade Students

Staff will provide an update on the Gotcha Bike agreement with the University of Idaho at a later date.

Next meeting: April 16, 2018.

Minutes Approved On

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

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(Clerk Signature)

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