SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

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~Meeting Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Pollard-Vice Chair; Victoria Seever; Russ Moore; Tina Hilding; Amber Ziegler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kyle Steele, Staff Liaison; Steve McGeehan-Chair; Scott Fedale; Carly Lilly; Kevin Booth (University of Idaho College Seat)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Bonzo, Council Liaison; Kelli Cooper, Moscow Sustainability Technician; Ilan Carter (Moscow High School Subcommittee); Bill Belknap, Community Development Director; David Hall, Sam Gregg

1. Approval of minutes from May 21, 2019- Fred Pollard

Result: Postponed
Mover:
Seconder:

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.

Kelli Cooper gave an update on the Public Information Education (PIE) program from September, 2018 to June, 2019. There were 67 visits, 280 lessons, 836 students, 15 grades Pre-K through College. These numbers do not include adult education. The Public Works fair is on Friday, June 21st including the ribbon cutting for the Water Filter Plant Mural at 6 p.m. The City Operations Greenhouse Gas Report is near completion and should be ready to present in August. Fred Pollard suggested having a survey on Greenhouse Gasses and Climate Action Plan at the Farmers Market table in September. Amber Ziegler volunteered to do the survey. The City Hall Wisescape expansion is complete.

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

At the Renaissance Fair, the Environmental Club made a lot of money selling elephant ears. The Soil Society had an end of year picnic, a picnic blanket competition with a plaque for the

winner and there have been weeding parties at the garden. Ilan and 3 other students attended the Citizens Climate Lobby in Washington, D.C., and lobbied for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act in front of the Senators and Representatives from Idaho. It went surprisingly well and Senator Mike Crapo was receptive when they met with him. Ilan is now the Vice President of the Environmental Club. Kathryn Bonzo suggested more involvement with MMS and the grade schools. There is a walk out planned on September 20th to protest climate change. Kathryn Bonzo also asked about doing a walk in, as peers, to the other schools in the Moscow School District. Ilan is hoping that the Moscow High School Environmental Club can draw up a broad resolution on climate change and would like to see the entire school get behind it.

4. **Fracking Issues in Idaho – Shelley Brock (via Skype)**
   Shelley Brock of the Citizens Allied for Integrity and Accountability (CAIA) will discuss the status of fracking in Idaho including challenges to the process used by Idaho's Department of Lands to force landowners to lease their mineral rights to oil and gas companies.

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

   Postponed due to technical difficulties.

5. **Sustainable Design of the Proposed Police Station – Bill Belknap**
   Bill Belknap (Community Development Director) will present sustainable design elements being considered for the new Police Services Facility and also discuss opportunities for the SEC to provide input during the design process.

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

   Bill Belknap's presentation included information on the bond that was passed to fund the new Police Services Facility, the Sanitation Master Plan, Fourth Street Building Repurposing and Paul Mann Building Renovation. Also included in the presentation was information on the proposed project timeline, facility sustainability, site design, building design and the phases of the project. Staff is seeking guidance from the Commission regarding any additional design considerations that should be included in the initial list to be provided to the selected design team by July 16th. Areas for review include using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards for certification at the Police Services Facility and any other information that may not be present in the current design.

   Fred Pollard read emails from Nils Peterson and Nancy Chaney.

   A special meeting will be set to form a sub-committee and start talking about the items to bring forward. Kelli Cooper will work with Steve McGeehan to set a date for the sub-committee meeting.

6. **Announcements/Other Business**
   Next meeting (July 16, 2019)
   Farmers Market Table (September 21, 2019)

Scott Fedale will be leaving the Commission as he is moving to Bellingham.

Danielle Coulter is holding children's classes at Phillips Farm and would like someone to come and talk about pollinators. Fred will forward her email for suggestions.

ADJOURN: 8:53 p.m.

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