

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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~Agenda~

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August 20, 2019

7:15 PM

Water Operations Building
201 North Main Street

Call to order

1. Approval of minutes from July 16, 2019- Steve McGeehan

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.

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.

4. Fracking Issues in Idaho – Shelley Brock (via Skype)

****POSTPONED UNTIL SEPT****

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.

5. Sierra Club "Ready For 100" campaign – Al Poplawsky and Eric Willadsen

Eric Willadsen from the Sierra Club will present a "Ready For 100" campaign which works with cities and municipalities to help them commit to 100% clean energy by a certain date (such as 2050). The City of Boise recently made such a commitment.

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

6. Climate Survey for the Farmers Market Table – Amber Ziegler

Amber volunteered to assemble the survey and would like to have a short conversation about what kind of information we would like to gather.

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

7. Seed packets for Farmers Market table – Kelli Cooper

Kelli will purchase native plant seeds and organize a seed packing group. The seed packs will be distributed at the SEC Farmers Market table on Sept. 28.

ACTION: Approve the use of SEC funds to purchase the seeds or take other action as deemed appropriate.

8. Commission Survey questions – Steve McGeehan

The City is seeking questions for the 2019 Commission Survey. This survey is designed to provide an opportunity for Commissions to ask questions of the general public regarding their mission or services.

ACTION: Discuss and approve questions for the SEC to submit for the Commission Survey.

9. Presentation to City Council – Steve McGeehan

Steve presented a summary of SEC activities and accomplishments to City Council on August 5.

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

10. Announcements/Other Business

Next meeting (Sept 17, 2019).

Farmers Market Table (September 28, 2019)

Adjourn

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kyle Steele, Staff Liaison; Carly Lilly; Kevyn Boothe (University of Idaho College Seat); Ilan Carter (Moscow High School Subcommittee)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Bonzo, Council Liaison; Kelli Cooper, Moscow Sustainability Technician; Dr. Robert Olsen; Pat Rathmann; Dan Rathmann; Hannah Snyder; David Hall

1. Approval of minutes from May 21, 2019

Result: Approved
Mover: Victoria Seever
Second: Russ Moore

Approval of minutes from June 18, 2019

Result: Approved
Mover: Tina Hilding
Second: 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.

The Greenhouse Gas Report is almost done. Kelli is now conducting a quality control check to make sure there are no errors. She stated it should be ready to present to the Commission at the September meeting. The City is working on a big street lighting project, which entails changing out all of the streetlights owned by the City with new LED lights, including downtown and highway corridor streetlights. The City hopes this will encourage Avista to accelerate the replacement of their street lights throughout town. Artwalk went really well with about 150 people come through during the event.

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

Ilan was not in attendance.

4. Continued Discussion of Electromotive force (EMF)– Robert Olsen

Dr. Robert Olsen (WSU Emeritus Professor of Electrical Engineering) will present a response to Mr. Cadwallader's EMF/Dirty Electricity presentation.

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

Dr. Olsen addressed issues regarding smart meters, the ideas of science and testing, methodology and replication. He gave reference to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in producing believable results using a range of expertise, a balance of perspectives, looking at all of the literature, and having an open and transparent process. Dr. Olsen spoke on the radio electricity of smart meters, the comparison of meters and standards and that level of dose is everything. He gave some examples of the inconsistencies in Mr. Cadwallader's information and indicated that the committee that produced the literature is selective, members are mostly on the biology side of this science and present only one side of the information. The reference of Dirty Electricity refers to power line emissions. Dr. Olsen researched this with other researchers and wrote a paper consistent with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and International Committee on Radiological Protection (ICRP), in Europe, whose standards closely mirror the FCC and operate in much the same way. Dr. Olsen encourages spending time on environmental problems that are real, not giving into a fear factor and separating the emotions from facts. Dr. Olsen provided the commission with literature on the topic to review and questions were received from the committee and audience.

5. Fracking Issues in Idaho – Shelley Brock (via Skype)

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

Postponed until August 20, 2019 meeting per speaker's request.

6. Sustainable Design of the Proposed Police Station – Steve McGeehan

Steve will provide an update on the SEC's input into sustainable design elements being considered for the new Police Services Facility.

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

The Commission's recommendations have been submitted to Bill Belknap and he has forwarded them to the design team to work through before the bid process. Russ Moore asked what the involvement would be from here forward. Victoria Seever indicated that the SCC would be involved. Fred Pollard shared a demonstration and information on Nano particle coating technology.

7. Announcements/Other Business

Next meeting: August 20, 2019

Farmers Market Table: September 28, 2019 (4th Saturday)

Kelli Cooper was asked to provide the date of the Airport re-opening: The Airport will be closed from September 8th to October 10th.

Palouse Bike Week is September, 15th through 21st.

Pesticide meeting with the Parks & Recreation sub-committee was last night (7/15/16). Parks and Recreation has submitted their master plan with the action item on pesticide reduction included. Kelli Cooper offered to get an update on steam weed control.

Kathryn Bonzo gave an update on the Trex program.

ADJOURN: 9:13 p.m.

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