

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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~Agenda~

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October 20, 2020

6:00 PM

Mayor's Conference Room
City Hall, 206. E Third Street

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Call to order

- 1. Introduction of new SEC member (Jassen Bluto)- Steve McGeehan**
- 2. Approval of minutes from July 21, 2020 and September 15, 2020- Steve McGeehan (A)**
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Climate Action Working Group – Amber Ziegler**
The Climate Action Working Group will provide an update on CAWG activities.
ACTION: Receive the report and take additional action as appropriate.

6. Moscow as a Bee City – Cassandra Goodmansen (A)

Cassandra will discuss an initiative for Moscow to become a ‘Bee City USA’. This idea is also being supported by the University of Idaho Extension program, a citizen-based Pollinator Working Group, and by the MHS Environmental Club. This coalition is looking for support from the SEC as the initiative moves forward to City Council

ACTION: Receive the report and vote on support of the initiative.

7. Announcements/Other Business

Next meeting (November 17, 2020)

Adjourn

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~Meeting Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Amber Ziegler; Cassandra Goodmansen; Kristin Haltinner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Pollard-Vice Chair; Victoria Seever; Russ Moore; Tina Hilding

STAFF/COUNCIL PRESENT: Kelli Cooper, Environmental Education and Sustainability Specialist; Jenifer Rossini, Administrative Assistant; Maureen Laflin, Council Member; Kyle Steele, Staff Liaison

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ilan Carter; David Hall

1. Approval of minutes from July 21, 2020-Steve McGeehan-

Result: LACK OF QUORUM, MINUTES WERE NOT APPROVED

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 is running a virtual bike race due to the heavy smoke for the month of September. Kelli has also been working with Cassandra Goodmansen on becoming a Bee City. She says Latah Soil and Water Conservation District has written a letter of support for Moscow becoming a Bee City.

Kyle Steele says there will be a more in depth update at the October meeting.

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.

According to Ilan Carter, the Moscow High School Subcommittee has not met due to school being canceled the last few days. They are also actively pursuing for Moscow to become part

of the Bee City USA. No trips or big fundraising will be held this year due to Covid-19. They plan on building bee boxes as needed in the area.

4. Climate Action Working Group – Kristin Haltinner

The Climate Action Working Group will provide an update on CAWG activities.

ACTION: Receive the report and take additional action as appropriate.

Amber Ziegler gave the report. The Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) heard from Kelli Cooper and Kyle Steele with the City of Moscow at the end of July to discuss CAWG's goals and to make sure CAWG was helping not hindering any work the City was doing. CAWG wants to split the Climate Plan into mitigation and adaptation so they can start on the mitigation part now. CAWG has been working with Dan Freeman (University of Idaho) in regards to student projects that CAWG is providing feedback and ideas for. This week Amber will draft an email to CAWG members that will be sent out to City Council formerly introducing the Group as well as present the Assessment for feedback as soon as it gets approved from the Commission. Maureen Laflin suggested to Amber to make sure the email indicates that she would like individual opinions and that CAWG would like to present this Assessment to City Council.

5. Moscow as a Bee City – Cassandra Goodmansen (A)

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ACTION: Receive the report and vote on support of the initiative.

Cassandra has gotten in contact with the Pollinator Group who put on the Pollinator Summit in February. They have started a working group and are actively looking for support from a few City Commissions. This group will be doing fundraising to raise money for the entrance fees. They plan to present their plan for Moscow to become a Bee City to City Council in November. Cassandra also created a website for the Pollinator Group.

<https://palousepollinators.wixsite.com/savebees>. She asked for SEC to write a letter of support for becoming a Bee City.

6. Announcements/Other Business

Next meeting (October 20, 2020)

David Hall said that Moscow Planning and Zoning unanimously passed a small cell ordinance draft at their last meeting. This draft will now be sent to City Council for consideration. David asked SEC if they were planning to submit their own draft ordinance. Steve McGeehan let David know that the SEC will not be taking a position in this manner at this time.

Adjourn: 6:44 PM

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

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