

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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6:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Kristin Haltinner

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: David Hall; Christie Hoffpauer, Jack Knudsen, Doug Moyles, Kynan ?

1. Approval of minutes from June 16, 2020-Steve McGeehan

Result: Approved

Mover: Victoria Seever

Secunder: Amber Ziegler

2. Energy Opportunities and Strategic Planning – Fred Pollard and Jack Knudsen

Community energy projects are now more important than ever. Fred and Jack (will discuss projects being designed and planned with little to no money out of pocket. Topic to discuss include: 1) where do we see and plan for growth, 2) why Design-Build, and 3) renewables and sustainability opportunities.

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

Jack Knudsen and Doug Moyles were with McKinstry out of Spokane, WA. McKinstry Co., LLC, a design, build, operates, and maintains company, provides consulting, construction, energy, and facility services. It offers consulting services in the areas of engineering, sustainability, energy/environmental planning, financial modeling, operational modeling, and commissioning; construction services, including mechanical, electrical, fire protection, architectural metals, data, integrated delivery, energy retrofits, industrial, and in-building wireless services; and energy services, which include performance based contracting, active energy management, renewables, project funding, smart building systems, federal services, and energy efficiency grants. The company also provides facility services, including mobile

services, remote monitoring, operations management, facility management, and 3D maintenance. It serves municipalities, K-12 schools, and college and universities in the United States. Knudsen discussed how local, county, and regional projects have occurred in other areas of the Pacific Northwest. PowerPoint presentation available by contacting the Sustainable Environment Commission (SEC) at SEC@ci.moscow.id.us

3. Climate Action Working Group – Kristin Haltinner

The Climate Action Working Group will provide an update and discuss minor corrections to the Impacts Assessment.

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

Ziegler stated that the Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) has only met twice since the COVID pandemic forced a shutdown. They first worked on adapting the Impact Assessment into a shortened summary for some residents who would prefer not to read the whole original document. She also stated that the group feels they need to develop a new iteration to their process and timeline. To better develop the Vulnerability Assessment and Action Plan the group would like to meet with City staff to gather more information and to hear what they would like to see out of an Action Plan. Ziegler says after they meet with City staff there will be a new timeline for the Assessment and Plan. They are still planning a public meeting in the future to present the Assessment and Plan, and are working out the logistics now. There was discussion about if the Assessment should be released to the public without restriction. It was suggested to bring the document to City Council first and get their input. It was decided to talk with City Administration before releasing the Assessment to the public.

4. Moscow as a Bee City – Cassandra Goodmansen

Cassandra will discuss the opportunity for Moscow to become a Bee City.

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

Goodmansen shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the benefits of pollinator's, specifically native pollinators; and the importance of diversifying the type of pollinator. She talked about the how the disappearance of pollinator habitat and even how we manage our crops are affecting pollinators numbers. By focusing on pollinators and their habitats it can really boost the sustainability of our ecosystem. Developing a plan to boost native pollinator numbers will have a greater many other cross benefits, i.e. more crop yields and higher quality yields. Roughly half of all pollinators are in decline. This information pushed Goodmansen to look into Moscow becoming a Bee City. Bee City USA is an initiative from the Xerces Society that focuses on invertebrate conservation. The requirements to become a Bee City are:

1. Establish a standing Bee City committee to advocate for pollinators
2. Create and enhance pollinator habitat on public and private land by increasing the abundance of native plants, providing nest sites, and reducing the use of pesticides.
3. Incorporate pollinator-conscious practices into city policies and plans.

4. Host pollinator awareness events
5. Publicly acknowledge Bee City USA affiliation with signs and an online presence.
6. Pay an initial application fee and annual renewal fee. (Based on population)
7. Annually apply for renewal and report of previous year's activities.

The process on becoming a Bee City includes complete application and resolution template, assign facilitation to a local government body or non-profit organization, designate a local government department as a sponsor, and draft a Bee City resolution, fee payment.

For more information on Bee City USA please visit their website <https://www.beecityusa.org/> For a copy of the PowerPoint presentation please contact the SEC at SEC@ci.moscow.id.us.

5. Announcements/Other Business

Next meeting (August 18, 2020)

Adjourn: 7:42 PM



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

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