

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 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Victoria Seever; Tina Hilding; Amber Ziegler; Kristin Haltinner; Jassen Blutto; Cassandra Goodmansen; Russ Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF/COUNCIL PRESENT: Jenifer Rossini, Administrative Assistant; Maureen Laflin, Council Member; Kyle Steele, Staff Liaison

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: David Hall

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

Result: Approved

Mover: Victoria Seever

Second: Tina Hilding

2. Introduction of new SEC member (Jassen Bluto)- Steve McGeehan

3. Approval of minutes from July 21, 2020 and September 15, 2020- Steve McGeehan (A)

4. 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.

Kyle Steele gave a short report saying the City has been updating their Greenhouse Gas inventory and monitoring the numbers closely. The Palouse Basin Water Summit is October 15th 2020. Steve McGeehan gave a brief background of the Sustainability report and the Water Summit for new member, Jassen Bluto.

5. 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.

No report given.

6. 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.

Tina Hilding gave the report and a brief background of the work the subcommittee has been working on for new member, Jassen. They are planning a public forum for the end of January. Jeff Hicke may be able to help with organizing a graduate seminar for students next semester regarding developing mitigation and adaptation ideas. Dan Cronan an Architect Professor at the University of Idaho asked CAWG to attend a presentation that his architect students are working on in regards to the New Green Deal. The next presentation will be December 11, 2020. There is talk of CAWG presenting the impact assessment to City Council later this year.

7. 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.

<https://palousepollinators.wixsite.com/savethebees>

They are working to add “Making Moscow a Bee City” to the next pollinator summit. For the upcoming year at the summit the theme will be based on “getting everyone involved-yourself, your community, the whole world.” They will be inviting people to make pollinator art for this event, as well as getting involved with local pollinator programs/projects, and looking into different apps that are available that promotes pollinator monitoring. SEC helped funded the Pollinator Summit last year, and will look to help funding for next year.

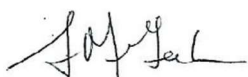
8. Announcements/Other Business

Next meeting (November 17, 2020)

Steve shared a letter in an email from Pat Forest with the Unitarian Universalist Church Green Sanctuary Committee. For details on this letter please contact sec@ci.moscow.id.us.

Maureen Laflin asked what SEC’s position is with the upcoming installation ordinance of 5G in Moscow. Steve clarified that the SEC will not give a recommendation at this time.

Adjourn 7:12



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