

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 6:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Victoria Seever; Tina Hilding; Amber Ziegler; Cassandra Goodmansen; Jassen Bluto

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ilan Carter; Kristin Haltinner

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: David Hall

1. Approval of minutes from October 20, 2020-Steve McGeehan

Result: Approved Mover: Victoria Seever 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.

Kelli Cooper has been working on Stormwater outreach and has also taken on the Recycling and Waste outreach. Kyle Steele says on November 2nd they presented the Stormwater permit to City Council. The Stormwater webpage is also live. Public outreach for the new Stormwater system will be ramped up in the next few months in preparation for the new Stormwater user fee. Kyle gave some more information on the process of the Stormwater System implementation. There were questions in regards to how the Stormwater system will handle extreme weather events caused by climate change.

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.

No report given.

4. Climate Action Working Group – Amber Ziegler

The Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) will discuss a project that might make use of some funding from the SEC budget. The CAWG will also present a draft resolution from the RF100 group.

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

The Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) has divided into two sub groups according to Amber Ziegler. One group will work on the mitigation portion of the action plan and the other sub group will be working on developing a vulnerability assessment. CAWG would also like to do a series of public meetings at the end of January to get as much feedback as possible in regards to the mitigation plan. They will be working on a short video with information on the impacts of climate change and possible actions the City could make. Amber inquired about receiving possible funding from the SEC to help with this video. Maureen Laflin said the Human Rights Commission would be willing to help with some funding if support was requested. Steve McGeehan gave some information on the SEC budget. The Pollinator Summit will happen virtually at the end of February 2021. CAWG is working with Gary Riedner to get the Impact Assessment on the agenda for City Council to review. Tina Hilding talked some about the RF-100 goal of clean energy by 2045. The CAWG would like support from the City to reach this goal. Kyle suggested the SEC support and work with Avista to reach this goal. Tina talked about having a virtual open house and Kyle suggested creating a page on the City website to hold a public comment period.

5. Announcements/Other Business

Next meeting (December 15, 2020)

Maureen talked some about the 5G ordinance and Steve clarified SEC's position on 5G; SEC will not be involved with issues surrounding 5G and their locations etc., but as new information comes along in regards to health concerns, SEC will discuss. David Hall informed SEC that Brandy Sullivan is still interested on more information on 5G and she will stay involved with it going forward. Maureen clarified more saying that will all the court cases etc. surrounding 5G health effects, City Council would need something drastic to happen in order for them to be open to making a change to the 5G ordinance.

Adjourn 7:28 PM



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

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