SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

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Regular Meeting
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Tuesday **January 19, 2021**	**6:00 PM**	**Mayor's Conference Room** **206 E. 3rd St.**

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission December 15, 2020 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
   Minutes presented for approval.
   PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. **Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)**
   Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

3. **Election of Officers (ACTION ITEM)**
   Per Moscow City Code Title 3 Chapter 10, Section 10-3, the commission must elect officers who shall serve one-year terms as chair and vice-chair.
   PROPOSED ACTIONS: Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2021 or take such other action deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper
2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Ilan Carter
3. Climate Action Working Group – Tina Hilding

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next Commission meeting is February 16, 2021

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~Minutes~

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December 15, 2020	**6:00 PM**	**Mayor's Conference Room City Hall, 206. E Third Street**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Victoria Seever; Tina Hilding; Cassandra Goodmansen; Jassen Bluto; Kristin Haltinner; Ilan Carter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Ziegler

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: David Hall, Natalie Wiley, Jamal Lyksett

1. Approval of minutes from November 17, 2020 -Steve McGeehan

Result: Approved
Mover: Victoria
Seconder: Tina

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 is continuing her work on the 2020 Greenhouse gas report and the employee commute survey. The City has also done an LED light upgrade on many of the security lights at the Water Reclamation and Reuse Facility. Kyle added that the City is also adding street light and electrical/gas consumption for the Greenhouse gas report. Avista has already switched out 448 out of 800 streetlights to LED lights, which has already shown to provide savings.

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.

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Ilan reports that the High School Subcommittee has been visiting local business to gather signatures for support of the RF-100 campaign. They've also been helping with leaf raking, and helping to cut down Christmas trees during this time.

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.

Tina says that CAWG is still interested in having a public meeting for maybe February and would also like to present to City Council soon. CAWG is asking the Sustainable Environment Commission (SEC) for $750 for them to develop creative virtual public outreach. At this time the City will not be helping to fund this video project according to Kyle. CAWG is going to create a better outline of a complete plan in regards to the video project. Maureen mentioned that the Human Rights Committee may be able to help fund the video project. Jeff Hicke, with University of Idaho, is developing a climate adaptation class for spring semester. The SEC does support the work of the RF-100 campaign.

5. Pollinator Summit – Cassandra Goodmansen

Cassandra will provide an update on the Pollinator Summit.

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

Pollinator Summit with be held virtually February 24th and 25th. There will be speakers there to talk about Bee City and Bumble Bee Atlas. There will be a youth section and information about native pollinators. She said they are going to start advocating people for pollinator art to be displayed at the 1912 Center a week before the Summit begins. Kelli confirmed that the youth section will be online due to Covid.

6. Announcements/Other Business

Next meeting (January 19, 2021)

The City was awarded a grant for Flood Hazard Mitigation Study for Paradise Creek. Kristin is concerned that there is nothing noted in the tasks or goals for ecosystem preservation. Kristin would like the SEC to perhaps get involved with this. She also mentioned her thoughts about a possible reservoir for a solution to Moscow's future drinking water. Kyle explained that the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee is working on creating a different source of water and cited a few of the possible future plans. Also speaking about the Flood Hazard Mitigation Study; Tina asked Kyle what the City plans to do in terms of future events caused by climate change.

Kristin also asked the group if there was anything the SEC could do to possibly prevent the possible new highway on Paradise Ridge that was supposed to of been started this fall, but Idaho Transportation Department were busy on other projects.

David mentioned that in the 2021 City of Moscow budget there is a projected update to the Water Comprehensive Plan. Which he believes the SEC should look into what they may be updating. He also believes the City should look into a water use budget in the future.

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There were also introductions to a few possible new chair members.

Adjourn 7:22 PM

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