

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
February 16, 2021

6:00 PM

Mayor's Conference Room
206 E. 3rd St.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair (Virtual); Tina Hilding (Virtual); Marley Pankratz (Virtual); Amber Ziegler (Virtual); Natalie Wiley (Virtual); Jamal Lyksett (Virtual)

ABSENT: Victoria Seever; Jassen Bluto; Kristin Haltinner

STAFF: Jenifer Rossini, Administrative Assistant (Virtual); Kyle Steele, Staff Liaison (Virtual); Kelli Cooper, Environmental Education and Sustainability Specialist (Virtual)

OTHERS: David Hall (Virtual); Jeffrey Hicke (Virtual); Logan Marispini (Virtual)

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.

Amber moved, Tina second to approve the minutes as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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.

None offered.

3. Introduction of New SEC Members

The SEC welcomes three new members: Natalie Wylie, Jamal Lyksett, Marley Pankratz

4. 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, Vice Chair for 2021 or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Tina nominated Steve for Chair. After some discussion Tina nominated herself for Vice Chair.

The new chair platform was moved by Jamal and seconded by Amber.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. FY2022 SEC budget request

The SEC will discuss upcoming projects that might require use of FY 2022 funds.

Kyle Steele gave the report saying the SEC usually asks for \$1000 to \$1200 a year to help sponsor local environment projects. The SEC will request funds for next years budget.

6. Water Use Budget

David Hall will present background information on the development of water use budgets to improve water use efficiency and recycled water measures.

David Hall shared a document he created regarding highlights from past Moscow water budgets he feels plays an important role in the future of Moscow's water; as well as actions he would like the City to take that would help towards conserving our water. He would like for the SEC to recommend the City create a water use budget to propose to the City Council.

Steve asked Kyle to summarize all the actions the City is currently doing to help with water conservation. Future growth and water supply are a big concern among the members and they would like to know what measures are in place to protect the water supply. Kyle said the City realizes they cannot conserve themselves out of the

dwindling water supply, but they need to, and are actively planning to curb consumption from the two aquifers.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

Kelli has been working on the Greenhouse Gas Report as well as the upcoming Pollinator Summit. She will be helping with the youth portion of the summit making bee houses.

Kyle has an update on the Strategic Planning meeting. The Council would like to have a stretchable goal that is attainable.

2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Ilan Carter

No report given.

3. Climate Action Working Group (CAWG)-Tina Hilding

The Impacts Report has officially gone to Council for review. The Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) has been working with Jeff Hickie's class for ideas to get the public more involved in the Climate Action Planning. CAWG is also looking into creating a website where people could give their input. They would also like to hold a community meeting as well as meet with City Council.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is also awarding grants and Tina would like to see if they may qualify for some of that grant money.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tina received a letter from Avista that was sent out to residents regarding the future of electricity and natural gas. Avista will be having a public meeting February 24th for residents to attend and give their input.

David Hall wanted everyone to know about a presentation coming up at the League of Women's Voters Meeting on February 17, 2021. It will be presented by Clearwater Power and Avista and they will talk about clean power.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next Commission meeting is March 16, 2021

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM



First and last name, Chair