SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Tuesday **September 21, 2021**	**6:00 PM**	**Council Chambers,** **2nd Floor City Hall** **206 E. 3rd St.**

NOTE: this meeting will be located in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor, City Hall)

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Introduction of New Members**
   The SEC is pleased to welcome Gordon Wilson and Asaph Cousins to the commission.

2. **Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission July 20, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
   Minutes presented for approval. Please note the August SEC meeting was cancelled so the July minutes must be approved at this meeting.

   PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the July minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

3. **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.

4. **City of Moscow Climate Workshop**
   Kelli will provide an update on the upcoming climate workshop scheduled for Sept 27.

   PROPOSED ACTIONS: Receive the report and take other action as appropriate.

5. **Climate Action Plan Support Letter (ACTION ITEM)**
   The CAWG has prepared a draft letter expressing support for the city's efforts to develop a Climate Action Plan. The SEC will discuss the letter and vote on sending to the Mayor and City Council.

   PROPOSED ACTIONS: Receive the report, vote to endorse the letter, or take other action as appropriate.

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REPORTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next Commission meeting is October 19, 2021

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Tuesday **July 20, 2021**	**6:00 PM**	**Mayor's Conference Room** **206 E. 3rd St.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Victoria Seever-Vice; Amber Ziegler; Tina Hilding; Jassen Bluto; Jamal Lyksett

ABSENT: Natalie Wiley; Marley Pankratz

STAFF: Jenifer Rossini, Administrative Assistant; Kelli Cooper, Environmental Education and Sustainability Specialist, Tyler Palmer; Deputy City Supervisor

OTHERS: David Schott, Al Poplasky, Nicole Xiao, David Hall, Paul Kimmell, Garret Cabaza, Jeff Hicke, Zena Hartung, Ian Schlater, Grace Covinger, Sandra Kelly, Eric Willadsen

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission April 20, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
   Minutes presented for approval. NOTE the May SEC meeting did not have a quorum; therefore, the minutes are not official and do not be approved.

   PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

   Amber moved April 20, 2021 minutes, Tina second to approve minutes as presented.

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

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2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

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David says Moscow City Council and Planning and Zoning are interested in water use budget. AL mentioned concerned over water use in the community due to development. Also, Genesee and Harvard are having water issues. Wanted to know what the City will be doing to help further water conservation. Tyler say The City is bringing the City Parks Department involved in future water conservation. There will be a City workshop with Council involving water in the near future. Tyler says that Moscow does not have short term water supply issues. Paul says Palouse Basin Water Aquifer Summit is October 21, 2021. Amy Vickers is the keynote speaker. The question was raised concerning all the new development in Moscow and plans for water conservation. There is a plan in development for an alternative water supply.

3. Consideration of the 2020 Weed Monitoring Report (ACTION ITEM)

David Schott will present the 2020 Weed Monitoring Report for Lillian Woodworth Otness Park and Almon Asbury Lieuallen Park. He will discuss a proposed new pilot program to create one pesticide free park each calendar year.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend selection of option #2 to create a pesticide free park each calendar year beginning in 2022, or provide staff further direction.

In April 2019 Parks Department discontinued using pesticides and started monitoring weeds in Lillian Woodworth Otness Park and Almon Asbury Lieuallen Park (Otness Park and AAL Park). Parks staff did see increase in total weeds and in man hours to control weeds. David recommends resuming pesticide use in AAL and Otness park. He recommends creating a rotating

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pesticide free park each calendar year (excluding fertilizer). Plan would exclude East City Park, Oylear fields, the Moscow School District playfields.

The City does have a hot water weed control machine for weed crack control, but has not been tried in the parks. Victoria would like the Parks to try the hot water weed control on weeds that are in the rocks.

Victoria moved to create a pesticide free park each calendar year beginning in 2022, Jassen second.

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

Power point presentation attached.

4. Avista's Clean Energy Goals

Paul Kimmel (Avista Business & Public Affairs Palouse Region) will provide an update on Avista's clean energy goals. In particular, Paul will discuss Avista's commitment to significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 100% clean energy by 2045.

Avista is 51% hydroelectric and has facilities on Spokane River and Clark Fork River. They have natural gas facilities on the Rathdrum prairie and Portland, OR. Avista is one of six owners of the coal strip in Montana. They are also involved in some wind projects. Avista is among the lowest emissions in the country. Avista supports a pathway to decarbonization and clean energy future. The goal is to provide electric customer with 100% clean energy 2045, and carbon neutral by 2027. Reduce natural gas emission by 30% by 2030 and carbon neutral by 2045. Adams Neilson Solar project in Adams County, WA video available to watch. In the next decade Avista is looking into decommissioning their interest in coal strip, contracting out natural gas, and adding wind. As well as more hydro projects and making upgrades to the existing hydro facilities.

Power point presentation attached.

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5. Funding Request for a Paid Consultant

At our June 15 meeting, representatives of the Sierra Club and Climate Action League presented the idea of requesting funds to support climate action planning with a paid consultant. In addition, the city received several requests for significant support of this idea ahead of its July 12 budget workshop. Steve and Kyle will review and discuss the appropriate process for making these types of budget requests on behalf of the SEC.

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

Tyler went over the Climate Action Strategic Plan preview for the City. The City Council is taking the Strategic Plan very seriously. The City will create a draft Climate Action Plan in a September workshop and in December the draft will go to Council for feedback. Finalized plan planned for adoption in the Spring 2022. Sandra (Council member) says the Council is very interested in a Climate Action Plan and supports it 100%.

6. CJL RF100 Update (Action Item)

Representatives of the Climate Justice League (CJL) will discuss the 7/17 RF100 webinar, 7/19 petition delivery at the city council meeting, and the $20k consultant request.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Endorse the proposed consultant request as presented, or take such other action as deemed appropriate.

Ian and Grace talked about updating the City code wording to include climate change and the positive points to hiring a consultant. One main point was mentioned that a consultant would be able to provide more diversity with their findings.

Hiring a consultant will be tabled until a future date.

7. Funding Opportunities for Electric Vehicles

The League of Women Voters of Idaho and participating local Leagues are exploring Idaho's energy use and opportunities in our state. Tina will discuss several grant opportunities for funding of electric vehicles and charging

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stations, and share information about a ZOOM event (***Drive Clean with the League)*** describing electric vehicles and their associated infrastructure.

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

Tina informed the group of several grants that are still available. Tyler stated that the City's Grant Manager, Alisa, has done a thorough review of the grants. There are eight probable locations for electric charging stations. The only public charging station is at The Monarch Motel.

1. **City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper**

Kelli has been working on Climate change and water impacts. City has been talking with the Parks Department about getting a strategic grass browning program within the parks. This will allow certain areas of parks to allow the grass to go dormant and also start to implement Wisescape in the Parks.

2. **Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Ilan Carter**

No report.

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

Tina will be giving presentations to Affordable Housing Commission and Tree Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Climate Action Workshop is Sept 27th 5pm. Budget and Fee resolution hearing is August 2nd 7pm. American Rescue Plan workshop is August 23rd.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next Commission meeting is August 17, 2021

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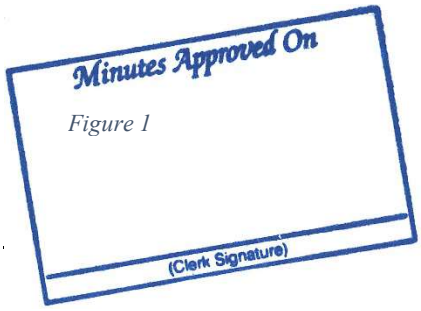
The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM



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

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