

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
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6:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
1st Floor City Hall
206 E. 3rd St.

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

PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Tina Hilding-Vice; Victoria Seever; Al Poplawsky (Virtual); Asaph Cousins (Virtual); Jassen Bluto (Virtual); Jamal Lyskett
STAFF: Jenifer Rossini, Administrative Assistant; Kelli Cooper
OTHERS: Julia Parker; David Hall; Sam Galager
ABSENT: Marley Pankratz; Gordon Wilson

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission December 14, Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Victoria moved to approve December 14, 2021 minutes, Jassen second to approve minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 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.

David from Latah County mentioned the County is looking at changing how they handle municipal waste according from an article in Moscow Pullman Daily News.

He also said the Moscow Co-op has been looking into commercial glass grinders due to a glass shortage.

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 2022 or take such other action as deemed appropriate

Victoria nominated Steve as Chair and Tina as Vice. Al second the motion for Steve as Chair and Tina as Vice.

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

4. SEC Code and Brochure Updates (ACTION ITEM)

Continued discussion of revisions to Chapter 9 of the City Code describing the structure and duties of the Sustainable Environment Commission. The SEC will also discuss updates to the commission brochure

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the updates and revisions or take other action as deemed appropriate.

There have been comments from members from the December meeting and many citizen comments. Tina questioned the order of the comments. Kelli commented about the waste stream section being so specific and should be broader.

Victoria moved to accept changes as presented. Tina second.

Kelli clarified that this vote will only be to accept and recommend changes to the Code, but the final decision to change the Code would still be up to City Council to approve.

Jassen does not agree with section “G” (climate change section) saying that it doesn’t need to be in the code.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: five Nays: One (Bluto) Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. City Parks Pesticide List

David Schott (Moscow Parks & Facilities Manager) has provided a list of pesticides and herbicides available for use by the city. The SEC typically reviews this list each year and makes recommendations if needed. Steve will also present a brief summary of the city’s pesticide use policy and the plan to manage one pesticide-free park per calendar year, beginning in 2022.

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

Sam wants to know if impacts on pollinators influence the list. Al also expressed concern over certain active ingredients in pesticides on the list that may affect pollinators. Steve will ask

David to attend the next meeting so he can clear any questions up. Jamal asked if the SEC voices concerns over the list, will that have an influence over what is used. Steve clarified that the SEC can suggest to the City changes or concerns over the list and generally their concerns are heard and considered.

Kelli mentioned that there is a resolution in the works for Moscow to be considered a Bee City.

Anderson Frontier Park will be considered for a pesticide free park according to David.

Asaph believes one year for the pesticide free park is too short. Victoria says there was two parks, Almon Asbury Lieuallen Park Otness Park, that did go pesticide free for longer than one season.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

Pollinator summit will be February 23rd and 24th. There will be a movie and discussion on first day and speakers on second day.

The City is joining the City Nature Challenge. Kelli says there will be a mini competition with Pullman.

City is joining with the Climate Action Working group on developing a plan draft that will be ready first week of February then onto Council for review.

2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Ilan Carter/Nicole Xiao

No report given.

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

CAWG did not meet in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelli asked to bring back the Earth Day Awards. Steve says we will need nominees in February for the Mayor to make final decision in March.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next Commission meeting is February 15, 2022

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:15

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve McGeehan", written in a cursive style.

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