

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/551/Sustainable-Environment-Commission>

Tuesday
April 19 2022

6:00 PM

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

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission March 22, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the February 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. Tabling opportunity at the Moscow Farmers Market

Citizen Commissions including the SEC are invited to table at the Moscow Farmers Market. This is an excellent opportunity for public outreach on the activities of our commission and to seek public input on the topics we discuss. The SEC is currently signed up for June 4 and Sept 17.

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

4. Climate Action Plan update

Discuss any final comments before the CAP goes to Council on April 25.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper -
2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Nicole Xiao (or delegate)
3. Climate Action Working Group – Tina Hilding

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next SEC meeting May 17, 2022

ADJOURN

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~Minutes~

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Tuesday
March 22, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers
2nd Floor City Hall
206 E. 3rd St

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

PRESENT: Tina Hilding-Vice; Victoria Seever; Al Poplawsky; Olivia Weibe; Gordon Wilson; Asaph Cousins

STAFF: Jenifer Rossini, Administrative Assistant; Kelli Cooper, Environmental Education and Sustainability Specialist

OTHERS: Julia Parker; David Hall; Tim Davis

ABSENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Marley Pankratz; Sophie Gilbert; Jassen Bluto; Jamal Lyskett;

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission February 15, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Victoria moved to approve February 15, 2022 minutes, Al 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)

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No comments were given.

3. Moscow's Solid Waste Management Program

Tim Davis (City of Moscow Sanitation Manager will discuss how our landfill and transfer station works and the operation of the Recycling Center

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

Tim says there are a few different wastes that are dealt with; MSW (municipal solid waste), household waste, non MSW waste. In the 1990's all new MSW facilities faced new federal regulations with more stringent standards such as; poly liners, ground water monitoring, leaching collection of treatment systems.

To be complaint with new regulations facilities needed to either quit accepting MSW or close existing landfill. Our local landfill choose to stop accepting MSW waste, and started shipping waste to Oregon.

811 truckloads sent to Finley Buttes landfill this past year. 6.4 million this current year budget. 20,000 tons of MSW a year shipped to Oregon. Moscow is 65% of that tonnage.

There is also a biosolids compost facility at the Solid Waste Processing Facility. There are four compost bays. Compost bays are ventilated to help with the process.

4200 tons of biosolid 5500 tons of solid waste are composted annually at the site. Household hazardous waste is free of charge.

30% of Moscow's waste stream goes to recycling center.

In the Sanitation survey curbside composing was evaluated but would be an extra charge to citizens; citizens gave an overwhelming disinterest.

Does not believe we will collect other plastics in near future.

First Saturday of month is plastic film collection at recycling center. 15-20 thousand lb. a month taken to Trex.

Whitman county is exploring at opening a local landfill.

Discussion about food compost starting with restaurants and grocery stores.

4. Mayor's Earth Day Awards

The SEC will discuss nominations for the Earth Day Awards.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Review the nominations and take action as deemed appropriate.

Nominations so far are: Climate Action Working Group, City of Moscow Police services building project, City of Moscow Parks, Nancy Chaney, Nicole Xiao, Pollinator summit, climate justice league.

5. Tabling opportunity at the Moscow Farmers Market

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PROPOSED ACTIONS: Discuss potential dates and take action as deemed appropriate.

Asapah and Olivia are both interested in sitting at the table.

June 4th, and September 10th are tentative dates.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

Climate action plan update: 34 public comments submitted to Kelli so far. Online forum went well online.

Earth Day activities:

April 22nd 9:30am is downtown cleanup, meet at Friendship Square.

Earth day awards ceremony on April 18th during City Council.

City Nature Challenge, Latah against Whitman county. Nature Pictures are taken and then an identification event is held. Whoever gets the most pictures wins.

Pollinator summit was well received.

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

No report given.

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

Discussion about the climate action plan draft.

What is the role now that the draft plan has been written? Would they been able to recommend implementation to the commission?

Jeff Hicke is looking for stakeholders for a possible grant. Tyler says CAWG and SEC can be involved in research, anything involved with City would have to go through Council. To be named on the Grant as a contributing member would need to go thru the Council.

There was talk about Boise density housing development that Tina took pictures of that she would like Moscow to encourage a shift to this type of housing. Meeting with Fair and Affordable housing and Planning and Zoning Commission.

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Next Commission meeting is April 19, 2022

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

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

PRESS RELEASE

Moscow Seeking Nominations for 2018 Mayor's Earth Day Awards

March 1, 2019 (Moscow, Idaho) --- The City of Moscow is seeking nominations for the 2019 Mayor's Earth Day awards. Since 2006, the awards have recognized Moscow residents for sustainable practices that foster environmental sustainability through conservation, recycling, reuse, construction/design, and public education. Potential categories for the awards include:

- Individuals
- Businesses
- Students/Schools
- Non-profit
- Service Organizations
- Government
- Building/Development
- Green Visionaries (long-range environmental objectives)
- Green Neighbors (from nearby communities).

Worthy candidates who don't fit into these categories will also be considered.

Nominations should include the names of the nominator and nominee, contact information for both, and a brief description of why the nominee is worthy of recognition.

Nominations are due by March 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. and may be submitted by letter to the City of Moscow, Administration Department (Attn: Sustainable Environment Commission), P.O. Box 9203 Moscow, ID 83843 or by email to the Sustainable Environment Commission at sec@ci.moscow.id.us. The Sustainable Environment Commission will forward recommendations to Mayor Bill Lambert, who will determine the award winners.

For more information, please contact Kelli Cooper, AmeriCorps Sustainability Technician at 208-883-7122.

2022 Mayor's Earth Day Awards

For: **City of Moscow for the Police Services Facility Project**

Representative: Mayor Bettge (or designee)

From: Victoria Seever 208.669.3534 or 208.882.0763, vaseever@uidaho.edu

I'm not sure how to propose this nomination because there are so many hands behind its actualization—city staff factored financial and engineering aspects along with public input; voter commitment to the bond to build it; stakeholders, including the police department itself; city councilors and the mayor, city commissions all among a cast of thousands. Ultimately, I believe we umbrella it under City Administration with its extensive outreach to the public which wanted sustainability features incorporated in its creation.

I know first-hand that Project Manager Bill Belknap, to whom all those insights and oversight fell, met repeatedly with the Sustainable Environment Commission to apprise it with the building's progress and feasibility for incorporating sustainable features balanced against the desire for that and financial constraints, and where the city could leverage the most environmental savings for its buck. Suggestions and concerns from the commission were seriously considered throughout the process.

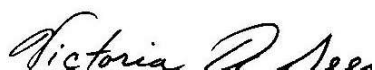
As a result, a strong list of sustainability features include:

- a solar-ready roof which will hopefully come to fruition in a few years
- enhanced glazing in its extensive windows
- higher performance building systems and materials
 - HVAC, insulation, plumbing
 - water conservation, conduits for future EV charging, parking treatments
 - light pollution reduction, recycling elements
 - while not certified, it meets most Silver LEED standards and many Gold

Additionally, I would note that there is a historical aspect toward environmental sustainability behind the police station's development where we recall that the 4th Street location employed "adaptive reuse" by converting it from a creamery into a city hall and then as a police station and soon to become a university art gallery.

Original materials/structure and the carbon-use expended in building a building (operating heavy equipment, materials shipping, etc.) are either lost if the building is razed where a new building enlists that process all over again, or they are recaptured/sustained through adaptive reuse. While the new police station is new, it arises out of a mentality based in an earlier sustainability and the new police station has been designed and built with core sustainability features.

What the new police station comes from, and more by what it clearly is through its achieved sustainability components and how its future-ready components are in-built for sustainability, merits recognition by the Mayor's Earth Day Awards.



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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	City of Moscow Earth Day Award							
2	Category/ Year	2018	2018 noms	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
3	Water Champion			Steve Robischon (PBAC)	UI Youth Water Summit			
4	Palouse Prairie Champion		Palouse Prairie Foundation					
5	Academic		LeeAnne Eareckson (teacher)			Greg Möller, UI N-E-W Tech water	Darin Saul, UI Community Partnership Program	Chris Dixon, UI
6	Business	Paradise Creek Bicycles Tjay Clevenger		Thorn Creek Native Seed Farm	Anytime Fitness		Maialina Pizzeria Napoletana & SMART (bus)	Aqua Lawn
7	City Department	Fleet Division		Environmental Services Group	Sanitation	Moscow Wastewater Treatment Plant		
8	City Employee		Nichole Baker, Water Department					
9	Community Project							
10	Cooperative Business		Palouse Bicycle Collective					
11	Couple						Mike & Brooke Lowry	
12	Event	UI Bike Fix	Food for Thought Film Series (Moscow Food Co-op and others)			Moscow Farmers Market	Palouse Sustainability Fair & UI Sustainability Center Earth Fest	Palouse Basin Water Summit

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2	Category/ Year	2018	2018 noms	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
13	Government		Les MacDonald					Brady McNall, Moscow intern?
14	Green Protector					Palouse Sustainable Environment Coalition		
15	Green Steward		John Kimberling & Paul Kimmell (Palouse Basin Water Summit)			Palouse Prairie Foundation		
16	Individual	Ruth Frey & Matt McAdoo	Andy Boyd / Maynard Fosberg		Nils Peterson	David Hall	Pat Rathmann	David Hall
17	Neighbor		Joan & Ray Folwell & Bassetts (Steptoe Butte)					
18	Non-Profit/ Service Organization	Gritman Medical Center Green Team	Palouse Prairie Foundation / Friends of the Clearwater	1912 Center - Heart of the Arts	Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment		Moscow Renaissance Fair	
19	Organization		Palouse- Clearwater Food Coalition				Palouse- Clearwater Environmental Institute	
20	School, elementary						McDonald Elementary School Outdoor Learning Center and	
21	School, secondary		Danielle Gentry (plastic bag research)					
22	Student							Wieteke Holthuijzen, University of Idaho Sustainability Center

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2	Category/ Year	2018	2018 noms	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
23	Sustainable Building							
24	Sustainable Development		Roger Blanchard					
25	Teacher	Andrika Kuhle Palouse Prairie Charter						
26	Visionary					Margaret Ann Littlejohn		Dale Goble, UI Law School
27	Volunteer w/o Borders							
28	Young Adult Exceptional Service					Keaghan Caldwell		
29	Honorable Mention		Walter Steed					
30	Special Honorary	Dr. Jon Van Gerpen						
31	University Program	UI Biodiesel Program John Crockett						

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2	Category/ Year	2012	2011	2010		2008	2007	2006		
3	Water Champion									
4	Palouse Prairie Champion									
5	Academic	Moscow High School Environmental Club	University of Idaho Student Sustainability Center (Jeannie Matheison)	University of Idaho Student Sustainability Center (Jeannie Matheison)						
6	Business	Wasankari Construction	Moscow Food Co-op	Camas Prairie Winery		Moscow Recycling Center	The Natural Abode	Moscow Food Co-op		
7	City Department									
8	City Employee					Kathy Kinman, Police Department				
9	Community Project						Village Bicycle Project, Dave Peckham			
10	Cooperative Business									
11	Couple		Don & Maureen Regan				Aly Bean & Tom Lamar			
12	Event	CommUNITY Walk								

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2	Category/ Year Government	2012	2011	2010		2008	2007	2006		
13		Tyler Palmer, Moscow Streets Department		Carol Alexander, Mann Garden, City of Moscow		Latah County Historical Society	Moscow Health and Environment Commission, Scott Fedale	Moscow Green Building Program, Jim Johnson		
14	Green Protector	Megaload Protestors								
15	Green Steward	Maynard & Margaret Fosberg								
16	Individual	Matt Dolkas				Amy Grey, Backyard Harvest	Andy Boyd	Erin Morra, Pres., MHS Environmental Club		
17	Neighbor	Colter's Creek Winery (Juliaetta), Mike Pearson & Melissa Sanborn	Tim Bickford, The Filling Station, Troy							
18	Non-Profit/ Service Organization	Palouse Land Trust, Charles Burke		Backyard Harvest, Amy Grey		Moscow Central Lions Club	Moscow Renaissance Fair Board	Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute		
19	Organization									
20	School, elementary	Lena Whitmore Outdoor Classroom								
21	School, secondary						Moscow High School Turtle Trippers 2006	Moscow High School Environmental Club		
22	Student	K.C. Wagner, Sustainability Intern, City of Moscow								

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Organization

It is my pleasure to nominate the Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) for an Earth Day Award. The CAWG embodies the concept and goals of sustainability by facilitating a better understanding of climate change impacts for the City of Moscow. The CAWG has worked with University of Idaho students on the senior and Master's degree presentations as well as an extended learning internship with a Moscow High School student. The CAWG has also worked with Avista regarding incentives for electrification, the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute to promote tree planting, and with the Citizens Climate Lobby to build relationships with elected representatives to promote sustainable climate policy. The CAWG was instrumental in the development of a Climate Impacts Assessment in 2022 for the City of Moscow. Lastly, the CAWG has and will continue to work with city staff on the development of Moscow's Climate Action Plan. The continued efforts of the CAWG over the past 2 years have provided vital information on the potential impacts of climate change on our city as well as identifying sustainable mitigation and adaptation strategies for the future.

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Nominator: SEC (Steve McGeehan, slmcgeehan@gmail.com)