

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
July 19, 2022

6:00 PM

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

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

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

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

OTHERS: David Hall; Mia Rognstad; Julia Parker; Omar Al-Hassawi

ABSENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Jassen Bluto; Jamal Lyskett

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Introduction of new SEC member - Ian Schlater

Ian was not able to attend this meeting.

2. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission May 17 and June 21, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Changes suggested for the May and June minutes: Asaph was present for the June meeting; however, he was not here for May meeting.

Victoria moved to approve May and June minutes, Sophie second to approve minutes as presented

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

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.

No public comment.

1. Energy Efficient Construction Methods

Omar Al-Hassawi (architecture professor at WSU) will present on a new program at WSU on carbon conscious construction.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Receive the report.

In October 2020, there was a call for programs at the master's level in this field; carbon conscious construction.

The course will offer both certificates and a master's program.

This program is being created from various teachers in the area.

There is a lacking competency in the pacific northwest for programs representing this field.

1 in 5 colleges in the nation have all the components to create this program.

Program is estimated to launch January 2023.

Online Undergraduate certificate program will be offered with 15 credits and Graduate degree will be offered with 12 credits.

Master's degree will be offered in person with 30 credits.

WSU may be open to offering this program to businesses in the future.

PowerPoint presentation attached.

2. Composting on the Palouse

Stevie Steely-Johnson, Chief Administrative Officer for Inland Northwest will discuss implementation of a food scrap composting system.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Receive the report.

There will need to be workshops for the City to put on, so residents can learn about the options for city-wide composting.

Some composting options are: static, wind row, in vessel, biodigester. With a biodigester there is a long list of items that could be collected. Biodigester cost around \$20 million, but there are many grant opportunities. There is a potential to produce energy with the biodigester.

35% of Latah County garbage is organic that gets shipped away.

Inland Northwaste would need to purchase an electric dump truck and new plastic bins with coasters and lids.

They would need to possibly change bin size and pick up recycling weekly.

There is talk about possibly accepting Lewiston and Pullman organic waste to our local landfill.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

There is a new City hall wisescape with astro turf.

The next climate action plan may not go back to council until fall.

New video of time lapse wisescape coming out.

Potential changes this fall to the water conservation plan.

Artwalk will remain on 5th St.

2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Ian Schalter

No report.

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

Tina went to Farmers market and handed out seeds and talked about the climate action plan.

Ann Arbor Michigan has a new training program (A2Zero Ambassadors) where they will teach interested community members pathways for advancing local sustainability.

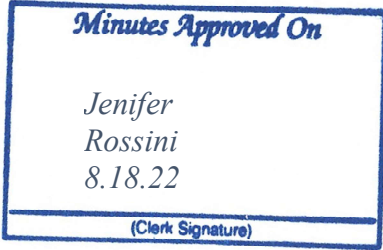
ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next SEC meeting August 16, 2022

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM



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