

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
August 16, 2022

6:00 PM

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

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

PRESENT: Tina Hilding-Vice; Victoria Seever; Sophie Gilbert; Al Poplawsky; Gordon Wilson; Steve McGeehan-Chair; Jassen Bluto; Julia Parker—Council Liaison

STAFF: Kyle Steele, Environmental Services Manager

ABSENT: Asaph Cousins; Olivia Weibe; Jamal Lyskett

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Introduction of new SEC member - Ian Schlater

Ian introduced himself to the members and said he is excited to participate.

2. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission July 19, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

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.

4. Use of Funds for Climate Action Planning

Discussion of city funds to be used for climate actions planning.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Receive the report.

Steele introduced the item and reminded the members that the original intent for the funds was to assist staff with the development of the City Climate Action Plan (CAP), which hasn't been necessary up to this point. Discussion occurred regarding the use of the funds and about the possibility of a solar project at a Moscow School District (MSD) facility or other educational opportunities. Schlater stated that he has been working with the MSD staff about some potential projects and is working to finalize cost estimates. Steele noted that use of the funds doesn't have occur in FY 2022, as the \$20,000 has been rolled-over to the FY23 budget. Steele also noted that use of the funds is up to the discretion of the Mayor and City Council and has to follow state laws. Parker and others agreed that they would like to see a single project occur and that it would be a good way to kick-off the CAP. Members agreed to discuss the subject at a future meeting and Schlater stated that he would finalize the various cost estimates and present them to the SEC at a following meeting.

5. Composting on the Palouse

Follow-up discussion on Stevie Steely-Johnson's presentation on composting including city's interest in a compost program.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Receive the report.

There was general discussion regarding the previous presentation by Inland North Waste. Steele noted that the City hasn't had any formal conversations about implementing a food waste compost program. McGeehan suggested that the SEC invite Tim Davis, Sanitation Manager, to a future meeting to discuss the item.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

Steele noted that the annual Palouse Basin Water Summit is scheduled for October 18, 2022. More details will follow.

2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Ian Schalter

Schlater mentioned that the Moscow High School and Climate Justice League Climate Walkout is scheduled for September 28, 2022 at East City Park from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

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

Status of the Climate Action Plan was discussed. Steele noted that staff is working with council members to finalize edits. Plan is for the CAP to go to council in early October.

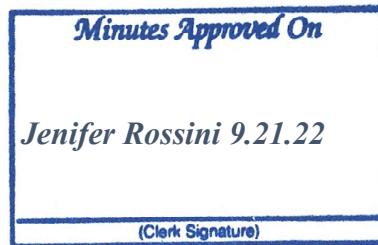
ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next SEC meeting September 20, 2022

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM



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