

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Tuesday
March 21 2023

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 January 17 and February 21, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the January and 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)

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3. Mayor's Earth Day Awards

The SEC will discuss nominations for the Mayor's Earth Day Awards.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: take action as deemed appropriate.

4. UI Entomology Club

The Entomology Club is organizing a Solitary Bee Hotel Workshop and is wondering if the SEC would be interested in sponsoring the event, specifically by providing pollinator wildflower seeds that could be given away at the event with the bee houses.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: take action as deemed appropriate.

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5. City Parks Pesticide List

We will continue the discussion of the City Parks Pesticide List.

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

6. Moscow Farmers Market

The Moscow Farmers Market has opportunities for city commissions to staff a table at a Saturday market. The SEC will discuss our interest in tabling, potential tabling activities, and possible dates.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: take action as deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper
2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report – Ian Schlater
3. Climate Action Working Group – Tina Hilding

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Tuesday
January 17, 2023

6:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Tina Hilding-Vice Chair; Victoria Seever; Jassen Bluto; Gordon Wilson; Al Poplawsky; Maureen Laflin-Council Liaison; Ian Schlater; Asaph Cousins

STAFF: Kyle Steele, Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Sophie Gilbert; Samuel Gallaher

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission September 20, 2022 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Al moved to approve the September 2022 minutes, and Tina second to approve minutes as presented.

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

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

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None.

1. 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 2023 or take such other action as deemed appropriate.

After Steve introduced the item and indicated that he would be willing to Chair the commission in 2023, Victoria nominated and Al seconded Steve for Chair. After some discussion concerning Gordon's ability to nominate Jassen for Chair or Vice-Chair and inability vote as a non-voting member, the motion was put to a vote.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. **Motion Carried.**

Following the Chair vote, Gordon nominated Jassen for Vice-Chair and Steve nominated Tina.

Roll Call Votes: Ayes: Steve; Tina; Victoria; Al; Asaph
Nays: Jassen
Motion Carried.

2. Consideration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (ACTION ITEM) – Alisa Anderson, City of Moscow Grants Manager

Alisa Anderson, Grants Manager with the City of Moscow, is preparing a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application for park improvements for Lola Clyde Park. The improvements include frontage improvements, parking lot, and a pathway system within the park. This grant is for pass-through funds from the National Park Service, administered by Idaho Parks and Recreation. Grant funding will leverage local tax dollars for park improvements according to the conceptual plan for the park approved by City Council.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of applying for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for park improvements for Lola Clyde Park; or provide staff with further direction.

Alisa introduced the item as written above and the commission expressed great interest in the project and staff for their work to take advantage of this grant program. Jassen moved to provide a letter of support for the request and Victoria seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. **Motion Carried.**

3. Use of City Funds for Climate Action Planning

Kyle will provide an update regarding funds for solar panels for the Moscow School District.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Discussion and other actions as appropriate.

Kyle Steele provided background regarding the \$20,000 in city funds that are included in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget and informed the members that the monies were anticipated to assist with the development of the City's Climate Action Plan. The funds are in a non-governmental line item for Climate Action Participation. Steele noted that he has been working with Ian Schlater and the Moscow School District Staff, who still need to address operational, financial, and logistical questions before a solar panel project could proceed. Ian Schlater said that he's working on a grant request and will be soliciting private donations and will report back periodically on the progress.

4. 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 2023.

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

David Schott introduced the item as described above. After discussion, members will look at alternatives to neonicitoid use and present back to the SEC at a later date. SEC will evaluate the list at the February meeting once additional research is completed.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

None given.

2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Ian Schalter

Ian said he is continuing to work on the solar panel demonstration project for the Moscow Middle School.

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

Tina noted that the CAWG hasn't met for a couple of months, but will be looking to reconvene in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next SEC meeting set for February 21, 2023.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

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

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Tuesday
February 21, 2023

6:00 PM

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PRESENT: Tina Hilding-Vice; Victoria Seever; Al Poplawsky; Maureen Laflin-Council Liaison; Ian Schlater; Asaph Cousins; Gordon Wilson; Sophie Gilbert; Sam Gallaher

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

ABSENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Jassen Bluto; Asaph Cousins

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Introduction of new member – Sam Gallaher

Also, appointment of Gordon Wilson as a voting member.

2. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission January 17, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

January minutes will be approved at next meeting.

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

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David says Pullman is working on a climate resiliency program.

4. City Parks Pesticide List

We will continue the discussion of the City Parks Pesticide List.

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

The biggest questions regarding the list is the impact on pollinators. Al has researched alternatives to neonicotinoids.

Does the City keep a detailed log of pesticide usage? Kelli will be looking into this.

Moscow is now a bee certified city; how does that play in with the usage of neonicotinoids

The keynote for the pollinator summit will be talking about pesticide use.

5. Mayor's Earth Day Awards

The SEC will discuss nominations for the Mayor's Earth Day Awards.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: take action as deemed appropriate.

Kelli gave a brief outline of the procedure for the award.

Victoria says the Unitarian Universalist Church is all solar now and would be a good candidate.

Ian suggested Leanna Erickson with the Moscow High School as well. She has helped to generate funds for kids to go on field trips and she started the Environmental Club.

Kelli nominated the City of Pullman as a climate neighbor.

Gordon nominates Marc Wintz for his beautification of the new Woodbury construction site.

Nominations need to be sent to Tina before March 14th

6. Middle School Solar Project

Discussion to write letter of support for the Middle School Solar Project

PROPOSED ACTIONS: take action as deemed appropriate.

Tina has drafted a letter of support that will be submitted to the local District for review.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

Kelli's focus at the moment is classroom stormwater lessons. New vinyl wraps for Russel and maybe the High School.

March 1st is the Pollinator summit and February 27th is the youth summit.

Kelli's working on water conservation plan updates. She will be working on updating the rebate amounts and Wisescape rebate changes.

City of Pullman is starting work on an outdoor irrigation season ordinance.

There is talk of a regional water conservation plan in the future between Moscow/ Pullman, and both Universities.

Possibly collaboration with landscape architecture college students to help with wisescape design for residents.

2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Ian Schalter

Climate Justice League tabling at the pollinator summit.
Still working on getting solar panels installed on one school building.

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

Talking about Steps to move forward on the Climate Action Plan.
Meeting with Community Development to learn about Moscow codes. Working to collaborate with Citizens Climate Lobby, to increase electricity in new buildings and holding a seminar for contractors and developers on incentives.

Meeting with community groups to talk about incentives and spreading the word on tax incentives and rebates; possibly a column with the Daily News or a post on the Cities social media site.

Wrote a letter of support for the solar panel installation on a Moscow school district building.
Next steps would be a vote on the changes to the solar panel support letter.

Al moves to send letter with the correction, Victoria second

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Al, Tina, Sophie, Victoria, Sam Nays: Gordon Abstentions: None.
Motion carried.

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UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next SEC meeting 3/21/2023

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

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