

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ian Schlater, David Hall, Tina Hilding, Mac Cantrell, Al Poplawsky, Mary Dupree, Nancy Chaney, Jeff Hickey, Kelli Cooper

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

1. Climate Action Plan update

Kelli Cooper will provide an update on the Climate Action Plan.

ACTION: Receive the report and take other action as needed.

Kelli Cooper provided an update on the Climate Action Plan. Update included a quick review of any major changes since the Group had seen it before. Major changes included the addition of the sidebars, the removal of a few action items that were deemed unnecessary, and the rearranging of some action items to reduce redundancy. Cooper also provided an update on when the CAP was expected to go to Council and informed the Group about the last-minute call for comments to City Council.

2. Solar Presentation

Ian Schlater will present his research on solar

ACTION: Approve the report and/or provide staff/committee further direction

What makes a good location:

- South facing
- visible
- expandable
- newish roof and structurally sound.

Possible locations:

- Moscow Middle School cafeteria

- Moscow High School outdoor commons
- District Office
- Moscow Middle School concession shack.

Benefits of MSD Solar:

- Education
- Cost Saving
- City recognition
- Conversation starter
- Sustainability Goals

Moscow Middle School cafeteria is the top contender. District office will need a new roof soon, so that may not be a good option.

Possible savings to come out of Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding.

May need to build a gazebo to hold the panels at the High School.

Kelli let the group know that there may be legal reasons the City can't spend this money on this project.

Nancy suggested another way to use the funds; to purchase an electric or hybrid car for low income community members to use for grocery shopping or running errands. She thought the \$25,000 could be matched with IRA monies.

If there were problems with using the money on a school building, other ideas were to install the panels of the Eggan Youth Center or the Hamilton Lowe Aquatic Center.

3. City Code Discussion

Discussion of materials provided by Sophie Gilbert on ways to improve city codes.

ACTION: Approve the report and/or provide staff/committee further direction.

Tina shared the website sustainablecitycode.org. This website offers different solutions for better sustainability by removing code barriers, creating incentives, then fill regulatory gaps.

4. Inflation Reduction Act Discussion

Discuss potential opportunities for Moscow.

ACTION: Approve the report and/or provide staff/committee further direction

There are some objectives in the document regarding to updating building codes.

Electric vehicles or large vehicles could be subsidized.

Solar panels installation could be difficult to get done.

The Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law would help with developed of electric vehicle charging stations.

Nancy suggested that local building community and community development departments in the area could help leverage resources in the area.

Nancy believes this community can benefit from this act by starting more conversations with residents to take advantage of these resources, on community updating building codes and creating clean energy jobs.

5. Announcements/Other Business

September 28th form 11:30-1PM Moscow High School and Climate Justice League will have their annual walk out.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 pm

Tina Hilding, Chair (or stamped by Deputy City Clerk)

