

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
May 16, 2023

6:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m.

PRESENT: Steve McGeehan- Chair; Tina Hilding-Vice; Victoria Seever; Al Poplawsky; Maureen Laflin-Council Liaison; Ian Schlater; Sam Gallaher; Sophie Gilbert, Jassen Bluto

STAFF: Kelli Cooper, Sustainability Program Coordinator, Jenifer Rossini, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Gordon Wilson; Asaph Cousins

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission April 18, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

Minutes presented for approval.

Al moved to approve the April 2023 minutes as presented, 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)

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 Comments.

3. Moscow Farmers Market

The SEC is scheduled to table at the Sept 9 Farmers Market. The option to table on July 8, 22, or 29 will be discussed.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: take action as deemed appropriate.

Group is open to dates in July and September. They would like to hand out information on pesticides and what to use.

4. Process for Supporting Grant Proposals

The SEC is occasionally approached for support of grant proposals. The process by which the city commissions can support proposals will be discussed.

SEC only has the power to recommend proposals to the Council, and compose a letter of support. If the SEC believes the City should support their decision on any proposal presented to them, then the proposal would need to go to Council for approval or further recommendation.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

Irrigation season opens the 18th. She has been working on a sustainable lawn care information sheet.

Steve would like Tyler Palmer from the City to come talk to the SEC about the alternatives water options that are currently discussed.

2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report – Ian Schlater

Environmental Club has been doing some maintenance and planting at the Phillip's farm and Harvest Park.

Trail builders have been working with the Idaho Forest Service.

There are summer internships at Philips Farm this summer.

Renaissance fair was a success.

On May 18th Future Farmer of America will be working at Phillip's farm

Mia Harlan will be taking over for Ian this summer.

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

2nd Monday of the month will be the new meeting time for CAWG.

Kelli will invite Justin Goodwin with the City of Moscow Building Safety Division to talk about the process for applying for permits.

The Group would like to do more to get the word out about the Climate Action Plan. They have gotten the ok to write a monthly newspaper column for the Daily News, that should help get more information to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelli has reached out to Paul Kimmel, from Avista, to invite a representative to come talk to them about the Infrastructure Plan.

High School Solar Project is working towards funding

Solar project is working towards funding form a grant.

Jassen raised a question regarding City working groups and how they are created. According to Kelli the outline for working groups is written within city code.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next SEC meeting 6/20/2023

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6.50 PM



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