

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~

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The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tina Hilding, Al Poplawsky, Nancy Chaney, Mary DuPree;

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Kelli Cooper, Staff Liaison; Mac Cantrell; Elizabeth Stevens, Aly Bean, Justin Goodwin

1. Implementation Plan Updates

At the last meeting each member present agreed to read the Climate Action Plan and develop a list of potential action

ACTION: Receive the report and provide feedback.

Tina says the group is continuing to compile their Climate Action Plan thoughts into a spreadsheet:

- Prioritization: Cost/speed, suite, what to do first? Contractor training? What are compelling carrots? Incentives? Energy Audit – increase auditors?. Can city pay for more auditors? Could IRA funding be used for contractor training?
- Increase efficiency. Kelli is working to follow up with Avista/Paul Kimmel re: training and funding for climate corps person, specifically how Americorps/Climate Corps could be used as a local energy auditor program. The question was raised if energy audits could be required as part of home inspection process.

Kelli is also following up with Kyle re: EV ready houses.

- IRA -- money for PCEI for training. Audits for homes and business. All about partnerships. How to move forward? Could PCEI be a host site?
- No program yet re: community solar from Avista. No set guidelines, funding mechanisms. Areas of exploration – 3 ways partnership with Idaho to water treatment plant. Talking with Sara D. at University of Idaho on Nov 15 at 4 p.m. regarding parking lots, resiliency, grid stability-in emergencies? She may be able to help with funding/IRA

rebates. Moscow can't get tax rebates. 2017 -- \$445,000 to 80 percent of pool usage. Cost/benefit analysis is considered. ROI – solar projects. 12 years. Easiest solar City installation would be the Waste Water Treatment plant. Next steps would be to add chillers, UV for chlorination. Home Depot – could be a win-win. Electrification of heating.

Look at orphaned actions in the Climate Action Plan/implementation plan.

2. University of Idaho Student Projects

UI students Anika Baker and Sophie Hanssmann will share the focus of their climate action plan implementation projects and get feedback from the group.

ACTION: Receive the report and provide feedback.

UI students Anika Baker and Sophie Hanssmann shared about their projects.

Anika is a first-year grad student at University of Idaho. Project she's working on – action plan for organic collections and sustainable food systems. Deliverable in May. Will present to CAWG and to SEC. Tina will connect her with Stevie at Inland North Waste.

Sophie is looking at helping the City get the energy and transportation sector of Moscow CAP. Reducing VMT. Alt transportation options. Education and outreach. Social media, through Instagram. What has Moscow done, what can we do? She would love to present Project mid-December.

3. Climate Newspaper Column Update

Tina will update the group on the progress with the newspaper column.

ACTION: Receive the report and provide feedback

Oct. water savings, Jeanne Leffingwell

Nov. – solar power/off the grid/Marsha Sheffer

Dec. – Efficiency through weatherization, Nancy Chaney

Jan. – Induction stoves, Marily

Feb. – EV cars Mac/Al

March – Multi-modal Mary/Tina

April – wisescape/water -- ??

May – prioritizing – where to start – Sophie

4. Northwest Climate Conference Report

Kelli recently attended the Northwest Climate Conference and will give a report on what was presented.

Was done virtually this year to save carbon emissions. Local viewing parties to view the conference together. Perhaps we could host next year! SEC could sponsor it. Empowering. Impacts of floods. Focused on events had happened, such as April 2019. Resilience and adaptation. Extreme precipitation. Resiliency and response. Test our sensitivity with a climate tool box: extreme heat, smoke, and extreme precipitation. Prioritization – something we need re: safety, adaptability.

5. Announcements/Other Business

Adjourn



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