

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
September 19, 2023

6:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Steve McGeehan-Chair; Victoria Seever; Gordon Wilson; Al Poplawsky; Maureen Laflin-Council Liaison; Asaph Cousins

STAFF: Kelli Cooper, Jenifer Rossini

ABSENT: Mia Heinlein; Sophie Gilbert; Jassen Bluto; Tina Hilding

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission August 15, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Victoria moved to approve the August 2023 minutes, and Asaph 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.

David Hall mentioned that there will be a native plant planting at Harvest Park this Saturday. Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee will be meeting this Thursday the 21st at U of I Best Western.

3. Avista

An Avista representative will provide information on energy topics pertinent to the SEC including how Avista will meet its 100% clean electricity target.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: take action as deemed appropriate.

Avista is working on some renewable natural gas sources. They are starting to see more of a summer peak compared to winter peak in term of usage. They are also working on installing more rural charging stations.

* For a detailed look into presentation, please see attached documents.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

Kelli has been busy performing irrigation audits every day, 50 total audits so far. Irrigation season is over on September 30th.

This years Water Summit is scheduled for October 26th. It is the 20-year anniversary. Erica Gies, author of Water Always Wins, will be the keynote speaker. Kelli says they the University of Idaho and Washington State University Presidents will be there as well to speak. She is hopeful a spokes person from the Nez Perce tribe will also speak as well as local youth. Both local Mayors will present some information on the Waylon Challenge.

2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report- Mia Heinlein

No report

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

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next SEC meeting set for October 17, 2023

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM



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