

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Tuesday
April 16, 2024

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 March 19, 2024 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Minutes presented for approval.

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

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.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: receive the public comment.

3. **Booth at Art Walk**

Signups are open for commission booths at the Artwalk finale in June. The SEC will discuss members' interest in staffing a booth.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: discuss and take action as deemed appropriate.

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4. UI Entomology Club Spring 2024 Outreach Event

The Aldrich Entomology Club has invited the SEC to table at their upcoming outreach event (Saturday May 4). See attached flier for more info. Kelli has suggested that they invite the Bee City USA subcommittee from Parks and Rec Commission, so this could turn into a joint venture.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: discuss and take action as deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

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

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

PRESENT: Victoria Seever; Gordon Wilson; Al Poplawsky; Julia Parker-Council Liaison; Asaph Cousins; Tina Hilding; Sam Gallaher; Sophie Gilbert

STAFF: Kelli Cooper

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Sustainable Environment Commission February 20, 2024 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Al moved to approve the February 2024 minutes, and Sam second to approve minutes as presented.

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

Tim Davis did not attend meeting, but Kyle Steele did. Steve McGeehan was also present.

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

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None

3. Sewage to Biogas

A novel waste treatment to efficiently convert sewage to biogas. Professor Birgitte Ahring will discuss her research and a pilot program to more efficiently convert leftover sludge to biogas, an advance that could help communities lower their waste treatment costs while helping the environment. NOTE- Professor Ahring will present via Zoom.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Discuss and take action as deemed appropriate.

A total of 7.2 million dry metric ton of sewage sludge is produced yearly. To reduce this amount Anaerobic Digestion (AD) is implement in 50% of all WWTF in the US. Still 2.5 million dry metric ton is left after AD of which 2 million dry ton is disposed in landfills resulting in a significant contribution to the greenhouse gas.

The final goal was to achieve 95% CO₂ conversion efficiency and they actually achieved 98%.

*Refer to attached presentation for full report.

4. Mayor's Earth Day Awards

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

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Take action as deemed appropriate.

Group looked over list provided by Kelli and added or changed categories for some.

Julie says the Mayor is ok to include climate change language in the Earth Day proclamation. Earth day awards will be given out April 15th.

5. Booth at Art Walk

Sign-ups are open for commissions to have a booth at the Artwalk finale in June if the SEC is interested.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Take action as deemed appropriate.

Group is talking about what activities they will provide at their booth.

REPORTS

1. City Sustainability Report- Kelli Cooper

Greenhouse gas inventory data entry.

Water line survey coming out to determine if there are any lead or copper in service lines.

Youth pollinator summit this week.

2. Moscow High School Subcommittee Report – TBD

None

3. Climate Action Working Group – Tina Hilding

There was discussion about the emergency climate declaration. The compost letter has been forwarded onto Bill Belknap, City Supervisor, and Tyler Palmer, Deputy City Supervisor- Public Works and Services.

Kelli reported that she and Sophie Gilbert met with the King County group and learned more about their current pilot programs.

Kelli presented the group with a new tool to evaluate the potential implementation actions that have been compiled by the group over the last year.

Tina brought up the new wind farm that is being proposed for near Kamiak Butte in Washington.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next SEC meeting set for April 16, 2024

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM



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

The poster features a variety of insects including a green fly, a monarch butterfly, a dragonfly, a bumblebee, a painted lady butterfly, a ladybug, a bee, a caterpillar, a wasp, a red beetle, a ground beetle, a grasshopper, and a beetle on a daisy. The background is decorated with green leaves and white and pink flowers.

A Day in the Arb

Hosted by the UI Aldrich Entomology Club

Saturday May 4th

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(Rain date: Sunday May 5th)

Join us for educational fun for all ages
including insect scavenger hunts, collecting
demonstrations, displays, and more!

Come learn about the diversity of insects and
plants and how to help protect the environment!

No cost to attend

At the UI Arboretum

1200 West Palouse River Drive

For more information, email

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