Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2011, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

Members: Ben Schmidt, Chair, Brian Kerns, Ross Keogh, Alexander Sievers, Katie George, Julie Osborn

Members Absent: Owen Weber, Dan Daily, John Freer

Others Present:

Facilitators: Susan Anderson (Sustainable Business Council), Gary Bakke (Chamber of Commerce)

I. <u>Announcements:</u>

Ben Schmidt stated the Conservation Committee discussed and accepted the net-metering issue and it was recommended to the city council for approval.

He announced the City Council is available to receive emails regarding the legislative bills in support or oppose. If a GGEC team member would like to mention they are part of the Greenhouse Gas & Energy that is fine.

Ross Keogh mentioned the council was appreciative and supportive for all GGEC efforts.

Mr. Schmidt mentioned the city website has the Montana bill tracking link and it is available to track the legislative bills the GGEC proposed.

II. <u>Public comments on items not listed on the agenda:</u>

None

III. <u>Approve meeting minutes:</u>

The Minutes for December 9, 2010 were passed unanimously.

IV. Administrative:

A. Renewable Energy Marketing Certificates

The team discussed the certificates and the point system. (Inaudible)

B. University of Montana Student Intern Guidance

The University is not back in session until next week and Brian Kerns received an email from the new student and he stated he would like to work on the LED project. Mr. Keogh noted he is available to help supervise him with the LED project.

V. Non-Action Items:

A. Missoula Green Building Incentive Subcommittee Update

None

VI. Action Items:

A. Bills the city should support at the 2011 legislature session

Mr. Schmidt stated the team will discuss the bills proposed and recommendations will be presented to the Committee of the Whole. They discussed each bill.

- HB 59 - would add incremental hydro to the RPS.
- SB 109 - would add all non-federal hydro to the RPS
- LC 2028 - would revise net-metering laws
- LC 1618 & LC1497 - would repeal the MT RPS
- LC 0072 & LC 0849 - would increase the MT RPS
- SB 105 - eliminate the energy development and demonstration grant programs
- SB 62 - eliminate inverted block rates
- LC 1504 - eliminate carbon mitigation requirements for utilities
- LC 1486 - amend utility net-metering requirements
- LC 1596 & LC1597- related to increased passenger rail
- LC 0909 - create an energy efficiency revolving loan fund
- LC 1067 - provide a property assessed clean energy bonds
- SB 159 - revise energy efficiency code adoption requirements
- LC 1487 - revise adoption of state building codes by rule
- LC 2004 - add energy efficient expert to building codes council
- LC 1893 - revise new construction energy credit provisions
- LC 1550 - revise recycling laws
- LC 1856 - referendum relating to legislative authority to regulate GHG
- LC 1857 - provide authority for interstate compact on greenhouse gas emissions
- LC 1939 - establish State authority over EPA regulation of GHG
- LC 2010 - constitutional referendum amending rights to a clean and healthful environment
- LC 1046 - resolution calling for Montana's withdrawal from a regional climate initiative
- LC 0848 - monitor and report on GHG emission
- LC 0850 - bipartisan committee to evaluate climate change initiative

Ross Keogh moved to recommend to the city council as first tier priorities for the lobbyist to oppose SB-109, SB-62 and SB-159. Julie Osborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Keogh moved to recommend to the city council as second tier priorities for the lobbyist to watch and possibly amend LC-2028 and to support SB-105 if it doesn't eliminate any existing energy development and demonstration grant programs and oppose LC-1618, LC-1497, LC-1504, LC-1046 and LC-1487. Ben Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Keogh moved to recommend to the city council as third tier priorities for the lobbyist to support HB-59, LC-0072, LC-00849, LC-1596, LC-1597, LC-0909, LC-1067 and LC2004, and to oppose LC-1939 and LC-2010. Julie Osborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Keogh moved to recommend to the city council for the lobbyist to monitor LC-1486, LC-1893, LC-1550, LC-1856, LC-1857 and LC-0850. Julie Osborn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. LED Lighting Proposal
Owen Weber was absent – No update

VII. Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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