



Energy & Climate Team
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2016, 12:00 pm
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Ben Schmidt, Brian Kerns, Diana Maneta, Robin Saha, Dave Potchak

Members Absent: Sara Rinfret

Others Present: Bryan von Lossberg, Mark Hayden, Michael Dorshorst, Chase Jones, Kelly Elam

Facilitators: Sustainable Business Council and Chamber of Commerce

I. Announcements:

Currently the Team memberships are chosen by sectors which include one member for City/County Government, the builders association, transportation sector, conservation sector, commercial/institutional business and industry. There was discussion about eliminating the sector titles and all Team members will be a member. The sectors are broadly interpreted and no longer serves the Team and it is difficult to fill the positions based on the sectors. The Team will review the by-laws or charter and make recommendations to the Parks & Conservation Committee.

Bryan von Lossberg stated the legislative work the Team does is appreciated and he asked them to continue.

Michael Dorshorst was introduced and he is interested in joining the Team.

II. Approve minutes for December 11, 2015

The minutes were changed and approved with changes.

Administrative:

A. City recycling and community solar project with Missoula Electric Co-op

Mark Hayden, Missoula Electric Co-op (MEC) gave a presentation on MEC's community solar project. He discussed the handout that includes solar benefits, the system and paybacks. MEC continues to look for renewable projects to generate power.

The City has taken on a zero waste plan. All City employees will receive a small black trash can for landfill waste and a blue can for recyclable items. The program will begin on Monday.

Non-Action Item

A. Renewable Energy Project Fund Raiser details for October 18, 2016.
Potential Projects include library or municipal

The Pumpkin Run fund raiser proceeds could be donated to the library if the bond passes. Another possibility could be a contribution towards solar panels for a local school. The Team will do research and report at the next meeting.

B. Green Building Status

A few University students conducted research and gave recommendations on a Green Building Policy in 2013. Robin Saha briefly gave an overview of the policy recommendations.

The City does not build new buildings at this time, but there is remodeling. There was discussion.

Action Items:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam
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