



Energy & Climate Team
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2017, 12:00-2:00 pm
140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT

Members Present: Brian Kerns, Dave Potchak, Michael Dorshorst, Craig Couch, Marcia Brownlee, Bart Mihailovich, Ben Schmidt, and Robin Saha

Members Absent: Max Boese

Others Present: Amy Cilimburg, Chase Jones, Rebecca Levandowski, Maggie Burnham, Tori Swope, Ben Gager, Kelly Elam

I. **Announcements:**
None

II. **Public comments on items not listed on the agenda:**
None

III. **Approve meeting minutes of January 13, 2017:**
Approved

IV. **Administrative:**

A. Energy & Climate Team Operations.

Ben said the “informal” Teams functions began in 1996-1997. The main reason for this board was to bring awareness of climate change and the need to start taking action to address climate change. In 2004 the Missoula Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Plan was approved by the Missoula City Council. The Team has worked on energy efficiency, alternative fuels,

building policies, recycling and renewable energy credits. The City adopted the Action Plan in 2012 for the municipality but there is not a city wide plan at this time. The Team works together on ideas with Chase Jones and makes recommendations to the City Council Parks & Conservation Committee.

The current process is if anyone has an idea, email it to Ben and he will coordinate with Chase Jones to see if it is something that has not already been addressed. If it is something the Team can address, Ben will put it on the E&C agenda for discussion at the next meeting. He noted the City goes by Roberts Rules of Order parliamentary procedures.

B. Community Green House Gas Emission Inventory.

Amy Cilimburg, Climate Smart Missoula gave a presentation on the Climate Action Plan and gave an overview of each section. There will be an update on the plan in the near future. The full report is located on the City website at www.ci.missoula.mt.us.

C. Legislative Update.

Ben gave an update of where the House and Senate bills currently stand.

- SB 007 – awaits governor’s decision – the Team is against it
- SB 032 - repeal community renewable energy projects (vetoed by Governor)
- HB 504 – solar jobs & freedom act – tabled
- SB 201 – aggregate net metering – dead
- SB 078 – net reading rates – tabled
- SB 154 – eliminate net metering incentive – second reading in House on April 18
- HB 205 – annual fees for electric vehicles – in House
- HB 034 – increase net metering cap – tabled
- HB 219 - new study of net metering when only 0.07% comes from net metering and is not at the 1% mark – probably will pass

v. Non-Action Items:

A. Municipal [Green Building Policy Development.](#)

No report at this time

B. Renewable Energy Fund Raiser – Pumpkin Run

The Pumpkin Run is scheduled on October 22, 2017 and this is the 22nd year for this event. Ben asked if anyone is aware of a project where the proceeds can be donated.

The 2016 event proceeds was donated to the Council Groves solar panel project. The solar panels will be erected soon and a suggestion was made to ask the Independent to do a story on the project.

VI. Action Items:

A. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for the Energy & Conservation Team.

Brian moved to elect Ben for the chair position.

Robin seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Michael moved to elect Marcia for the vice chair position.

Dave seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Elam
City Clerk Office