



Energy & Climate Team
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2017, 1:00 pm
140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT

Members Present: Brian Kerns, Ben Schmidt, Bart Mihailovich, Gwen Lankford
Spencer, Craig Couch, Max Boese

Members Absent: Robin Saha, Marcia Brownlee, Michael Dorshorst

Others Present: Chase Jones, Don Verrue, Steve Meismer, Eric Gabster, Brett
Rosenberg, Brit Holewinski, Kelly Elam

I. Announcements:

None

II. Public comments on items not listed on the agenda:

None

III. Approve meeting minutes:

Minutes for September 14, 2017 were approved.

IV. Administrative:

None

v. Non-Action Items:

A. Project ranking system discussion

Ben distributed a project ranking sheet and the group discussed the categories. He said he has received many suggestions and will email them to the group. Bart volunteered to lead the group at future meetings regarding the project ranking sheet, and Craig will add all information using the bubble system. The Team agreed to discuss this at the January or February meeting.

VI. Action Items:

A. Recommend the City of Missoula pursue a Stretch Energy Code for buildings.

The City Council and Mayors office are committed to implement policies, practices and programs to conserve energy, increase efficiency, reduce fossil fuel use and minimize the city's carbon footprint.

The Team clarified the State mandates the building codes and the cities are required to follow them. The State adopts parts of the International code as time moves forward, and the City has 6 months to incorporate them into their programs and enforce them. The codes are updated regularly. The International Building Code is a model building code and is used as base code standards that states enforce, and the State can pick and choose which codes best fit their area. The State allows cities to use stretch codes and this is what the Team is working to do.

The Team discussed an incentive program and to motivate the builders to be part of this program. One option is a marketing incentive to sell to builders what manufactures are producing that fits into the energy conservation codes.

Motion:

Max moved the Energy & Climate Team recommends the City of Missoula allocate staff time and resources to look into the feasibility of adopting a local stretch energy code.

Bart seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Team will continue to work together with the City Development Services, Five Valleys High Performance Building Collaborative, Climate Smart Missoula and other entities in the City to promote construction and retrofitting green buildings to present to the City Council for adoption.

The Team is currently working on a resolution to enforce stretch code standards for new construction on residential and commercial buildings. Ben distributed the draft resolution and the Team discussed the contents. Ben asked the Team to make changes or recommendations using the strike out method and email them back to him. When the Resolution draft is ready, Ben will submit it to Don Verrue, Development Services and Chase Jones, Energy Conservation Coordinator for approval. Ben will attend and present it to the Parks & Conservation Committee or the Land Use & Planning Committee which ever committee it fits for approval.

There was clarification on the Home Energy Resource Score (HERS) which estimates home energy use, associated costs and provides energy solutions to improve a home's efficiency.

There were various questions, comments and clarification.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Elam
City Clerk Office