



Energy & Climate Team

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2018, 12 pm

140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT

Members Present: Brian Kerns, Michael Dorshorst, Ben Schmidt, Gwen Lankford
Spencer

Members Absent: Bart Mihailovich, Robin Saha, Max Boese, Marcia Brownlee, Craig
Couch

Others Present: Chase Jones, Britt Holewinski, Brett Rosenberg, Kelly Elam

I. Announcements:

The June Team meeting has been canceled and the Team will meet again on July 12.

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

None

III. Approve meeting minutes:

Minutes for April 19, 2018 were approved.

IV. Administrative:

None

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V. Non-Action Items:

A. Stretch Energy Code Update and how to help Chase Jones work load

Chase said he met with Bart and they reviewed the Teams purpose mission and noted it may be time to revisit and update it. They discussed possible projects that could help move the stretch energy code project forward and some options are tabling events, educational opportunities and email lists. Michael said he can share a list of downtown events with the Team.

Chase said he submitted the stretch energy code funding requests to City Council and he is waiting to hear the outcome. He will make a work plan that should be ready sometime in July. He will update the Team when City Council makes their decision.

B. Project Selection Tool

Projects will be chosen at a later date.

VI. Action Items:

A. Community Solar Project Potential. <http://www.mtsolarcommunity.com/> and <http://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2275/Going-Solar>

Ben brought up the Montana Solar Community Project (MSCP) website. MSCP is a partnership led by the State of Montana Department of Quality (DEQ). They help communities work with public and government buildings to get access to solar energy solutions with planning and financial resources.

It was suggested the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) could be a potential solar project. Northwestern Energy may offer grants for solar projects. Gwen said she will check with them and DEQ for information.

Shared solar arrays allows government organizations to purchase shares of the project in exchange for credit on their bills for their share of the project's electricity generation, and this may be a potential option. More information is needed about the WWTP and Chase said he can provide the information at the July 12, meeting.

Ben moved to ask for approval from city council to move forward with the WWTP solar project.

Michael seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Comments:

Gwen mentioned recycling options are becoming non-existent and requested to add the topic to the July agenda and request a presentation by Zero by Fifty or from Republic Services for updates. People seem to be confused

with the recycle and landfill bins, and the wrong trash in the recyclable bin can contaminate the recyclables making it unusable. The Team may be able to help educate the public on recycle handling to help keep recyclables out of the landfill.

IX. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam
City Clerk Office