



## **Energy & Climate Team**

### Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018 1:00 pm  
140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT

**Members Present:** Gwen Lankford Spencer, Michael Dorshorst

**Members Absent:** Robin Saha, Marcia Brownlee, Bart Mihailovich, Brian Kerns, Craig Couch

**Others Present:** Gwen Jones (City Council) Chase Jones, Kelly Elam

**I. Announcements:**

No quorum

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

None

**III. Approve meeting minutes:**

Minutes for September 13, 2018 will be approved at a later date.

**IV. Administrative:**

A. E&C Team's future moving forward discussion. (Gwen Jones)

There was discussion about changing the monthly Team meetings to meet quarterly (every four months) possibly January, April, September and November. This would allow small working groups to work independently without the meeting requirements by law. Information from the groups will be brought to the quarterly meetings to be discussed.

Ms. Jones led discussion for 2019 goals and possible projects that include:

- Apply for grants and that would help with funding.
- Assist with updating the Growth Policy initiatives list
- Moving forward the Stretch Code Policy
- Possible projects with various City departments, possibly the Zero by Fifty program
- Provide education through individual and professional networks
- Provide communication training for environmental topics
- Work with other non-profit/profit groups
- Provide education for environmental science students and live record or live stream through MCAT
- Assist Chase Jones with workload under City Council direction

There was a brief discussion about possibly helping other conservation groups in the community on projects. A few E&C Team members are part of the County Wide Climate Resiliency Planning Process led jointly by the County, City and Climate Smart Missoula. The focus is adaption (resiliency). Climate change is expected to have substantial impacts to the natural systems of Missoula County, including rivers, streams, forests and wildlife. It was noted the steering committee has an end date, but there are other groups.

Gwen Lankford Spencer mentioned New Mexico started a Glam Trash Fashion Show in 2001 and has become a successful yearly event. Adults and children create outfits from everyday trash items and model the wearable art down a run way. She is in the process of starting an event in Missoula.

Gwen Jones, City Council said she will put a referral into the Parks & Conservation committee (City Council) and provide an update of what the Team has accomplished to date, and ask the council to provide ideas to direct the Team's future. Chase Jones will present on the E&C Team's accomplishments and general recommendations for the Team moving forward.

The Team will meet Friday, November 16, 2018 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm located in the Jack Reidy Conference room, next to the City Council Chambers at 140 W. Pine St.

There was no public comment.

**v. Non-Action Items:**  
None

**vi. Action Items:**

A. E&C Team chair vote. Gwen Jones

The Chair and Vice Chair selection has been delayed to the Friday, November 16, meeting.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Elam  
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