



## **Energy & Climate Team**

### Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2018 1:00 pm

140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT

**Members Present:** Gwen Lankford Spencer, Michael Dorshorst, Robin Saha, Marcia Brownlee, Bart Mihailovich, Brian Kerns, Chris Rowe, Joshua Nichols

**Members Absent:** Craig Couch

**Others Present:** Gwen Jones (City Council) Chase Jones, Kelly Elam, Jeremy Flesch, Charlotte Langner, Freya Sargent, Lily Chumrau, Ellen Sears

#### **I. Announcements:**

Gwen Jones introduced and welcomed Chris Rowe and Joshua Nichols as new members to the Team.

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

Charlotte Langner, Freya Sargent, Lily Chumrau, Ellen Sears are University students involved in the Global Leadership Initiative program. The program instills students with more understanding and a broader perspective to address global issues and to develop leadership skills needed for the global era.

Their project is focused on introducing insects into the American diet. Insects produce less greenhouse gases compared to livestock. America is the only country that does not consume insects as a food source. The group is looking for websites to add their wild harvesting as an educational information. Michael

City/County Health Department agreed to be their liaison. They will be attending Earth day and will provide insect food dishes for people to try.

**III. Approve meeting minutes:**

Minutes for May 10, 2018, September 13, 2018 and October 11, 2018 were approved as submitted.

**IV. Administrative:**

**A. E&C Team accomplishments update and moving forward discussion – Chase Jones and Gwen Jones**

Chase gave a presentation that includes the Teams background and purpose, accomplishments, foundational plans, policies and other groups in the community. There was discussion about what the City Council envisions the Teams role in moving forward. There was discussion about the list that includes:

- Help Chase execute things on his to do list
- Street lighting
- The stretch energy code and educate the public about accomplishments
- Work on making progress with the municipal plan
- 100% clean electricity initiative
- Work strategically during the off legislative season to craft legislation with interim committees that would have a better chance strategically making it through the legislature
- A gigantic solar initiative in Missoula
- Work on a solution for repurposing plastics, which is being stockpiled in Washington State
- Connect environmental policy with business recruitment to Missoula, so when businesses come here and wants to contribute to our environmental culture (Look at Kent County, Michigan and their resource park) This could be a model for working with our new leadership at the MEP
- Modeling what Missoula would look like in a 2.7 degree scenario
- Investigate a plan for Missoula to go off the grid with modular nuclear fusion reactors (NuScale)
- Research how Ashland, Oregon has focused their team and look at their plan which is robust
- On the supply side, challenging the PSC and State law in terms of antiquated restraints that should be changed

Chase presented a list of his focus and planning implementation that includes guiding principles:

- Support established plan and policy goals
- Build internal and external capacity
- Leverage synergies with community groups/initiatives
- Focus on action and implementation
- Utilize citizen volunteer efforts
- Allow for citizen volunteer innovation and creativity

High opportunity areas include:

- Stretch energy code
- Healthy babies/Bright Futures, Green Healthy Procurement Development
- Zero to Fifty education and community engagement
- 100% clean electricity imitative policy review and support

The Team discussed working with Chase on projects that are worth the time and welcomed. The Team was asked to review the two lists and email Chase with ideas, questions and comments.

Chase mentioned website suggestions that includes:

- Climate Smart Missoula
- Zero Waste Missoula
- 350.org
- Sierra Club – Montana Chapter
- Environment Montana
- Transition Missoula
- Climate Ready Communities

**B. Set dates and location for meetings for 2019**

The Team agreed to meet every other month starting Thursday, January 10, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. The Team will decide at that meeting what day on the meeting month fits into everyone's schedule.

**v. Non-Action Items:**

None

**vi. Action Items:**

**A. E&C Team chair and Vice chair selection - Gwen Jones**

Marcia has been the vice chair for the Team and will continue her role.

Gwen Lankford Spenser nominated Bart to chair the Team.

Robin seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Elam  
City Clerk Office