



Energy & Climate Team

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2019 12:00 pm
140 W. Pine, Missoula, MT

Members Present: Gwen Lankford Spencer, Michael Dorshorst, Bart Mihailovich, Brian Kerns, Craig Couch, Joshua Nichols, Chris Rowe

Members Absent: Robin Saha, Marcia Brownlee

Others Present: Gwen Jones (City Council) Chase Jones, Kelly Elam, Freya Sargent, Amy Cilimburg

I. Announcements:

None

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

None

III. Approve meeting minutes:

Minutes for November 16, 2018 were approved as submitted.

IV. Administrative:

A. 2019 meeting discussion

There was discussion on location and time the Team will meet. It was decided the Team will continue to meet monthly on the second Thursday from noon to 1 pm.

B. Discuss outreach to help branch out more

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The Team discussed ideas to outreach and educate the public that includes:

- Move around to different venues
- Record meetings through MCAT
- Evening meetings two times per year
- Attend UM events
- Shared meetings with other environmental groups
- Table events (no funds for pamphlets)
- Attend neighborhood council meetings
- Conduct appealing projects
- Earth day in April outreach at UM

v. Non-Action Items:

A. Stretch code review and updates

No discussion

B. Missoula's Draft 100% Clean Electricity Options Report v1

Chase gave an update on the 100% clean electricity draft option report v1. It took a year to put the plan together, and it was released to the public for feedback. The goal is to use clean electricity (wind & solar) by 2035. This does not include natural gas or gasoline in the city limits. The options to make this work includes:

- Energy efficiency
- Roof top solar panels
- Green tariff
- Franchise agreements
- Community choice aggregation
- Legislative clean energy
- Municipalization

Amy Cilimburg, Climate Smart Missoula said Missoula is moving forward and there is so much to do in the community. The Options Report was released in October 2018 and it can be found on The Climate Smart Missoula website. She invites everyone to check it out and comments are welcome.

They are currently working on hydro which is 60% clean, but how to clean up the excess 40% is a challenge. The bitcoin located in Bonner is a problem also, and they continue to work with the company to help come up with a solution.

vi. Action Items:

A. High-grade future project focus

The Team asked Chase if he has any projects the Team can help him with. Chase said he doesn't have anything for the Team to work on. He has an AmeriCorps person to help him, and he also does not have a budget to work

with. He noted the Stretch Code project would be a good start for the Team or help with the Zero by Fifty education and community engagement.

Gwen Jones said the council is discussing a new project where all new construction would be required to use solar panels, there may be something for the Team to work with other entities.

Michael suggested working on legislation bills and make recommendations to City Council. The downfall is the legislation works so quickly, and by the time the recommendations make it to council, the item has been processed.

The Team agreed to find a project and bring it forward to the next meeting in February. At that meeting the Team will choose one or two and move forward, and this may include forming small working groups. There is no budget for the Team, so the projects will have to be fundless.

B. Future Guests/Presenters

No discussion

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Elam
City Clerk Office