



Energy & Climate Team
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2019 12:00-2:00 pm
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Brian Kerns, Marcia Brownlee, Michael Dorshorst, Josh Nichols, Chris Rowe, Gwen Lankford Spencer, Robin Saha

Members Absent: Bart Mihailovich

Others Present: Gwen Jones, Jeremy Flesch, Kelly Elam

I. Announcements:

Craig Couch resigned his position on the Energy & Climate Team.

II. Approve minutes for May 9, 2019:

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Public Comments not listed on the agenda:

None

IV. Administrative:

A. Summer Meetings

July 11, 2019 Council Chambers 12 – 2 pm

No August Meeting

September 12, 2019 council chambers 12 – 2 pm

V. Non-Action Items:

A. Families for a Livable Climate

Winona Bateman said she is a freelancer and an advocate for a group of families known as Families for a Livable Climate. The group advocates for the global warming problems it is causing and the harmful effects to the planet. Their goal is to build the movement, to educate people and inspire other families to make a transition by eliminating carbon emissions by helping them become aware and change their behaviors to help build a healthier climate, stronger economy and a thriving planet for future generations.

She noted there is only 10 years to turn things around for future generations to enjoy the natural outdoors as we do now.

The group gives presentations at schools and other events to help people conduct effective and positive conversations about the declining climate. Talking about it is important and helps people to take action. They are joined together with Climate Smart Missoula, 350 Montana and other Montana action groups. Her goal is to do a state wide education program.

She recommends a book known as *Global Weirding* by Katherine Hayhoe, and noted she also makes YouTube videos on the subject.

Winona said she is attending Al Gore's Climate Reality event in August located in Minneapolis – St. Paul, Minnesota. The Team asked her to attend another E&C Team meeting and give a report of the proceedings.

B. State of recycling in downtown Missoula

Gwen Jones said she spoke with Linda McCarthy, Downtown Association and reported there is a Caras Park Management Agreement in effect. The MDA implemented a recycling program for all Caras Park events. Food composting is a requirement, and all food vendors are required to use products with compostable materials. Both programs were implemented last week.

The Business Improvement District (BID) is responsible for emptying the garbage and recycling bins that are placed on the sidewalks in the district. The Out to Lunch program at Caras Park has a Green Team to teach people how to recycle properly. If people don't throw their trash in the correct bins, it causes the bin contents hard to manage, causing the trash in the bins to be separated and most of it ends up in the dump. There are many challenges associated with recycling programs in Missoula, especially glass and plastic because of contamination. The BID is doing the best that they can to support this.

There are pilot projects for all kinds of green initiatives with a lot of support from the Zero by Fifty plan and Climate Smart Missoula.

VI. Action Items:

A. Update on Resolution on Entomophagy and outreach/education opportunities

Michael said he is busy working with Bug Crawl, the proclamation and booth events. He noted reaching out to schools about entomophagy is difficult because of food allergies.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam
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