



## **Energy & Climate Team**

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019

12:00-2:00 pm

City Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Bart Mihailovich, Brian Kerns, Chris Rowe, Gwen Lankford Spencer, Robin Saha, Scott McNall, Jeremy Flesch

**Members Absent:** Michael Dorshorst, Joshua Nichols

**Others Present:** Gwen Jones, Kelly Elam

### **I. Announcements:**

Chris Rowe and Joshua Nichols was appointed as regular members from the Alternate 1 and 2 positions. Jeremy Flesch, Alternate 1 and Scott McNall, Alternate 2 were appointed by the City Council Parks & Conservation Committee on August 25, 2019.

### **II. Approve minutes for June 13, 2019:**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### **III. Public Comments not listed on the agenda:**

None

### **IV. Administrative:**

#### **A. Next Meetings**

Bart will be absent from the October meeting and Chris will chair the meeting.

The Team discussed moving the meetings to the Jack Reidy Conference room. The Chambers works well, but the room is too large and the Team is spread out. The Team agreed to move the meetings to the conference room.

#### **B. Discuss Team Leadership**

Marcia held the vice chair position, and the Team will need to vote on a new vice chairperson. This will likely take place at the November meeting.

### **V. Non-Action Items:**

A. Update on Entomophagy Proclamation and the next steps or opportunities.

No update

B. Discussion on Team projects

Chris said bids was received on the Energy Performance contracting project. The project goal is to evaluate the City of Missoula's facilities for energy, water and other operational upgrades. It also provides an investment audit report, and offers recommendations for utility cost savings and greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects. He discussed the advantage and disadvantages of the project.

The University has done performance contracting also and has made progress.

The City contracts with Johnson Controls and an energy audit was done, and the City chose certain things from the audit that fit with their facilities.

The City of Missoula Climate Action Plan is out of date, because the goals were set in 2009. The plan needs updating, but that is a time consuming task. The Team could take small parts of it and make updates.

The green building plan is out of date also.

It was suggested to find out what the council, Mayor and Chase would like to see and work on making recommendations.

The Team could take opportunities to educate the public on what is already in place, and provide policy advice on how the City manages growth.

With changing times, the Team could get on board with projects already in progress, instead of creating new ones.

Suggestion to expand on net metering.

There was discussion on solar panels and renewable energy.

The Team agreed to work on legislature laws.

The Team asked Gwen Jones if there was money available. Gwen said there is money for Climate Smart Missoula and the Zero Waste project. She might be able to find some for the right project.

There is a climate strike planned on September 20, 2019.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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