

**Greenhouse Gas/Energy Conservation Team
Meeting Agenda
November 17, 2010 12:00-2:00 pm
140 W. Pine, City Council Chambers**

Members: Ben Schmidt, Chair, Brian Kerns, Dan Daily, Ross Keogh, Alexander Sievers, Katie George

Members Absent: Julie Osborn, Owen Weber, John Freer

Others Present: Gary Bakke

Facilitators: Susan Anderson (Sustainable Business Council), Gary Bakke (Chamber of Commerce)

I. Announcements:

None

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

None

III. Approve meeting minutes:

The Minutes for September 9, 2010 and October 14, 2010 were passed unanimously.

IV. Administrative:

A. Renewable Energy Credits Marketing.

Ben Schmidt reported Angelo has not made the video due to lack of time, but he still has plans to make one, and he mentioned the website pages are still active.

Mr. Schmidt said he has been networking with various groups to inform them about the energy credit program and noted the team needs to promote more awareness.

The team discussed promoting ideas for more awareness.

V. Non-Action Items:

A. Missoula Green Building Incentive Subcommittee Update.

Ross Keogh stated the subcommittee met in October and they are still working on issues as it is time consuming.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the rules regarding laws, quorums and time frames that affect subcommittees and committees to be functional.

VI. Action Items:

A. Request for University of Montana Student Intern.

Brian Kerns discussed the 16 hour a week internship process and job duties. He said there is a student that is interested and will probably move forward. The intern will be providing website updates and the team discussed the details.

Ross Keogh suggested changing the title to the Green Power Missoula program.

Mr. Schmidt moved to include an intern student for educational & outreach with a marketing foundation to the Greenhouse Gas & Energy team.

Mr. Keogh seconded the motion.

Gary Bakke, Missoula Chamber of Commerce suggested the intern could work on the LED Lighting program. He said the city ordinance addresses outdoor lighting and discussed the cities inefficiency of street lights. He suggested the intern could research a cost analysis for residential areas and for the city.

Ross Keogh moved to amend the motion to include an effective marketing and research feasibility study to install LED lighting in the City Missoula as part of the internship job description.

Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Recommendations for the City to support at the 2011 legislative session.

Mr. Schmidt stated the City will hire a lobbyist for the 2011 legislative session and that person will monitor progress throughout the state, and he mentioned it would be in the team's best interest to stay involved in the process. In January the team can finalize recommendations to submit to the lobbyist.

The team discussed the list of recommendations for the city to support at the 2011 legislative session.

- Continue support for the Renewable Power Production and Rural Economic Development Act (also known as the RPS) which will require regulated utilities, primarily NorthWestern Energy to procure renewable energy at increasing increments with a goal of 15% by 2015.
- Support revisions of net metering laws.
- Support rules that allow the formation of Building Improvement Districts to procure funding for energy retrofit projects.
- Prioritize funding for transportation projects that help reduce or minimize GHG emissions.
- Comprehensive waste disposal programs (recycling, composting, etc.)
- Require full lifecycle cost analysis for any future coal development and analyze state wide impacts of coal mining.

C. LED Lighting Proposal.

Owen Weber was absent at meeting – No update

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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