

**Greenhouse Gas/Energy Conservation Team
Meeting Agenda
September 9, 2010 12:00-2:00 pm
140 W. Pine, City Council Chambers**

Members: Ben Schmidt, Chair, Brian Kerns, Ross Keogh, Dan Daily, Alexander Sievers, Julie Osborn, Owen Weber

Members Absent: Katie George, John Freer

Others Present: Gary Bakke, Angelo Lavo

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

I. Announcements:

Nikki Rogers, Deputy City Clerk announced the ice cream social for Missoula City/County board members is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Carousel.

Brian Kerns stated a table was set up at the Roots Festival to sell Renewable Energy Certificates (REC) and there was progress.

Ross Keogh mentioned there is an on-going sustainable focused lecture series presented on Wednesday evenings at the University Gallagher Business Building at 7:10 pm. He said the lectures are entertaining and worth the time.

Ben Schmidt stated he will be meeting with the Mayor's Climate Advisory group on September 14th and will give a short presentation on REC's. He mentioned the Ecology Products International purchased a small number of REC's, and noted the program is progressing.

Mr. Schmidt stated KECI invited Mr. Kern's and Mr. Schmidt to meet with them for an opportunity to advertise the REC's. He said there is a fee for advertising, but funding is not available and the program is not ready to move forward at this time.

Mr. Kerns said Marilyn Marler contacted him regarding the city's participation with an EPA partnership program. The program offers the city to participate in various issues and Ms. Marler is requesting the team to check and see if there are issues the city would be interested in. Mr. Kerns said there is, but there are strong requirements involved.

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

None

III. Approve meeting minutes:

Minutes for July 10, 2010 were approved unanimously.

Administrative:

A. New GGEC Team Member – Dan Daly for the Transportation Sector

Mr. Schmidt introduced Dan Daly as a new GGEC team member representing the transportation sector.

Dan Daly stated his background is in Forestry, Biomass and Transportation and has been involved with wood products for 30 years. He is currently employed with Roseburg Forest products. He mentioned he is responsible for 15,000 loads of biomass that travels through the Missoula valley per year. A portion goes to the Roseburg plant in Missoula and a portion is diverted throughout the Northwest including Idaho, Canada, Southern B.C., and Washington.

Mr. Schmidt briefly reviewed the Greenhouse Gas & Energy team's purpose, and the team introduced themselves.

B. Renewable Energy Credits Marketing

Angelo Lavo, Missoulian stated an easy way to market the REC's is to create a video that can be linked to YouTube, the City/County websites and facebook page. He distributed a handout regarding the video presentation and discussed it. (Handout attached to end of this report)

IV. Non-Action Items:

A. Missoula Green Building Initiative Subcommittee Update

Mr. Keogh stated they will schedule a subcommittee meeting around September 26th. The plan is to seek funding from Northwestern Energy through their USB program, and a Northwestern Energy representative will be attending the meeting to discuss their program.

B. City Policy towards a State renewable Power Standard – Start development of a resolution.

Mr. Keogh stated now is a good time to work on our recommendations to approach the City Council for support to move towards the legislature. A draft of an intern proposal has been created and it would be helpful for the councils support/non support about increasing the renewable power standard.

Mr. Schmidt stated he will contact Ms. Marler and the Conservation committee. He noted many visits to the council are necessary for them to feel comfortable with the concept. He asked for someone to draft recommendations for the council's support.

Mr. Keogh stated there is an Intern Energy Talk Communications committee that has been working on a draft to be introduced, and there are other energy improvements that will be introduced to the legislature as well.

The team discussed the details regarding the recommendations.

C. City LED lighting beginning discussion

Owen Weber said he will be attending a conference in New York and he will have more information to report on at the next meeting. He will learn how the team can become more involved, funding issues and a possible proposal.

The team discussed LED street lighting.

V. Action Items:

None

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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