

**Greenhouse Gas/Energy Conservation Team
Meeting Agenda
July 8, 2010 12:00-2:00 pm
140 W. Pine, City Council Chambers**

Members: Ben Schmidt, Chair, Brian Kerns, John Freer, Katie George, Alexander Sievers

Members Absent: Owen Weber, Julie Osborn, Ross Keogh

Others Present: Susan Anderson, Don Sims, Kelly Elam

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

I. Announcements:

None

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

Ben Schmidt announced the Sustainable Business Council campaign logo is linked to the advertised campaign on the County/City websites.

III. Approve meeting minutes:

Minutes for May 13, 2010 and June 10, 2010 were approved unanimously.

Minutes for June 10, 2010 are attached to the end of this document

IV. Administrative:

A. Meeting schedule

Mr. Schmidt proposed to postpone the August meeting and meet on September 9th, and the team agreed.

B. Renewable Energy Credits Marketing Campaign

Alexander Sievers is a new team member and he introduced himself.

Mr. Schmidt mentioned he presented a powerpoint presentation to the Missoula Board of Health and a verbal presentation to the City Council, and both were successful. The Missoulian attended the council meeting and wrote a good article in the newspaper about Green Power Missoula. He noted he has also been marketing with various groups and individuals and is making progress.

John Freer stated the energy credits fund account is growing and asked what the city will do with the money once the fund has a substantial amount and asked if the GGEC will be part of the decision process. He suggested tracking the funds to give the team an idea of where the funds are originating from.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the resolution that was passed by city council, and he suggested presenting the city council with recommendations regarding the funds. Mr. Schmidt noted the council has the final decision.

The team discussed ideas to market renewable energy credits to the public.

V. Non-Action Items:

Missoula Green Building Initiative Subcommittee Update

John Freer stated the Missoula Green Building Initiative subcommittee did not meet in June and there is nothing to report.

Mr. Freer said he met with Northwestern Energy and discussed funding for the Green Building program and reminded the team, the USB money helps fund the Green Blocks program. Mr. Freer mentioned Northwestern Energy is not interested in working with a green program, because they are focused on the Energy Star program.

Mr. Freer and Chase Jones will continue to develop the Green Building program and present it to Northwestern Energy at a later date.

Mr. Schmidt mentioned when the program is developed; a meeting with the Mayor and City Administration will need to be scheduled.

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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Elam

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June 10, 2010 GGEC minutes are attached to the end of this document

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Members Absent: Alexander Sievers, Owen Weber

Others Present: Peter Nielson, Chase Jones, Richard Hammen, Jackie Corday, Chad Bauer,
Susan Anderson, Kelly Elam

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Commerce)

III. Announcements:

None

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

None

VI. Approve meeting minutes:

Minutes for May 13, 2010 will be approved at a later date.

Minutes are attached to the end of this document

VII. Administrative:

A. Meeting schedule and City Clerk Update

Ben Schmidt stated Kelly Elam will be taking minutes for the GGEC. He said Marty Rehbein, CMC, City Clerk offered the GGEC a city service that is located on the city website called "Notify Me." This service allows citizens to sign up for e-mail subscriptions and in return, they will receive announcements when they become available.

B. Renewable Energy Credits Marketing

Mr. Schmidt stated the health Board will make revisions.
(Inaudible)

VIII. Non-Action Items:

Missoula County Green Municipal Building Initiative

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Peter Nielson, Missoula County Water Quality District Supervisor stated the Board of County Commissioners approved a county resolution to adopt a green building policy for all Missoula County facilities.

The resolution includes the county's intention to promote green building practices and capital projects. It directs the need of Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design

(LEED) in methods and techniques for all projects including new and renovation of existing buildings.

He clarified that LEED is a third party certification program that was established by the US Green Building Council. LEED has become an accepted benchmark for design and construction of high performance sustainable buildings, and there are a variety of levels of certification.

Mr. Nielson stated the county is discussing future improvements to the county fairgrounds and plans to build a new Public Works facility. The two projects will give an opportunity to implement LEED as funding becomes available.

He mentioned the resolution does not establish a minimum LEED standard, but requires LEED's criteria with the highest level of certification within affordability limits.

Brian Kerns asked about the financial aspects for the highest achievement under project costs including life cycle analysis and asked how it will work with public tax dollars.

Mr. Nielson said the policy states the county will finance projects at a level suitable to meet the policy requirements within traditional project budgets. He said the county commissioners require a policy to save the county tax payers money over time. He noted a nationwide research on case studies was conducted and considered as a guideline.

Mr. Nielson said the county created a green building committee that will work through details as projects occur and noted the county is planning to apply LEED criteria to their existing buildings.

John Freer stated the county is taking a great step forward and discussed upfront cost details and asked if the county has a cost saving projection.

Mr. Nielson said cost savings cannot be predicted at this time.

Ross Keogh asked if the city has green guidelines for new and existing building projects.

Mr. Schmidt stated the GGEC previously created a similar plan and city council approved it in 2007. It has the same concept as the county, but it is basic. The city's resolution is focused on energy for remodels and new construction. He commented if the city were to move forward with green building projects, the county's approach would be a good step in the right direction.

Jackie Corday, City Park & Rec. Dept. stated she supports the county's resolution and suggests presenting it to the city. The city chose one person from each department and formed a green team committee to seek options for saving energy, water and products, and noted the team found 25 ways to reduce waste.

Mr. Keogh said he and Mr. Freer has been working on a building initiative to present to the city to focus on future green building projects for individual, residential and commercial buildings throughout the city.

The GGEC team discussed a variety of issues regarding green buildings and the benefits of energy and financial savings.

Mr. Keogh asked if a meeting is scheduled for the Missoula waste disposal system.

Mr. Schmidt replied there will be one in July or August.

Missoula Green Building Initiative Subcommittee Update

Mr. Freer stated a draft has been created for presentation and mentioned funding is a challenge to achieve. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 24th at 4:30 pm and he discussed details regarding Green Building.

Mr. Keogh suggested inquiring with Northwestern Energy's Universal Systems Benefits program (USB) rebate policy to help with funding.

Chase Jones said the program is in the first stages and it needs more development before funding can be sought after.

Missoula Waste Disposal System

Update

Chad Bauer, Allied Waste stated their company has entered a contract with Roseburg to pump methane from the landfill to Roseburg's facility for energy use.

Missoula Valley Recycling charges a minimal fee for approximately 400 to 500 customers for curb side recycling and Allied Waste does not offer a curb side recycling program at this time.

Mr. Keogh asked if there is be a weight based recycling program available.

Mr. Bauer replied Allied Waste is restructuring their programs to offer the public options that suit their needs. Currently there are several rate structures available including one can per week pickup.

Mr. Freer asked what this committee can do to facilitate recycling options.

Mr. Bauer said he is not sure and most people in Missoula do recycle, but there are still a lot of people who do not recycle.

Julie Osborn asked Mr. Bauer if Allied waste is working with Rod Austin for downtown recycling bin collection, and Mr. Bauer replied no.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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