



**Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team  
Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2011, 12:00 - 2:00 pm  
City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine**

**Members:** Ben Schmidt, Chair, Brian Kerns, Dan Daily, John Freer, Ross Keogh, Alexander Sievers

**Members Absent:** Katie George, Julie Osborn, Owen Weber

**Others Present:** Matthew Hodges, Solomon Martin, Andrew Butterworth, Dixie Hooper, Monica Lonahukouh

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

**I. Announcements:**

Brian Kerns discussed the progress regarding the Green tag program. He spoke with Planet Sterling and they requested changes to the commission structure, and he discussed the details. There is \$300 in the account to date.

**Public comments on items not listed on the agenda:**

[Matthew Hodges](#), UM Environmental Studies said a part of his study includes the practice of "green roofing" or "vegetative roofing" and it proves to be a beneficial solution. He said other cities utilize policies to encourage "green roofing" and asked to schedule a presentation to the GGEC to report the history and the benefits for "green roofing". He asked for the GGEC support to address the City Council to consider the concept.

Solomon Martin, UM Environmental Studies requests to schedule a "grey water" presentation to the GGEC regarding research results on sewer and plumbing codes. He would like to inform the City Council with the information to consider adopting the new codes for alternative systems.

Mr. Kerns said he is interested in the presentation. He said there were similar efforts a couple years ago from a person who was interested in "grey water" systems and it was addressed by the legislature. He asked Mr. Martin if he was aware of the study.

Mr. Martin said in 2007 the legislature defined the difference between "grey water" and "black water" and said the State of Montana decision was to allow local cities adopt their own ordinance to enact "grey water" systems. Alexander Sievers said the water district created a draft, but it hasn't been approved to date. Mr. Martin said he has a meeting with the County regarding the status of the draft.

Ross Keogh supports the "grey water" concept and recommends the GGEC team make recommendations to the City Council to help move it forward.

Ben Schmidt said he will schedule the presentation for the April GGEC meeting.

### **III. Approve meeting minutes:**

The Minutes for February 10, 2011 were passed unanimously.

### **IV. Administrative:**

#### **1. City Municipal Emission Inventory Finalized**

Ben Schmidt stated in the past years the GGEC team submitted recommendations to the City Council to develop a tracking system for future developments, and he discussed the history of the Municipal Emission Inventory from the time it was created. He said there is a possibility that the City Council may request the GGEC to draft a plan to solve the cities energy issues.

Mr. Keogh discussed the GGEC roles in implementing goals and objectives. He discussed various City boards and their interaction with the City Council. He suggested addressing the City Council to define the GGEC roles and responsibilities.

The team discussed the GGEC responsibilities & goals and agreed they need to be defined. Mr. Schmidt agreed to draft a letter to Marilyn Marler City Council Alderwoman for a clarification regarding the GGEC responsibilities and expectations.

#### **2. University of Montana Student Intern Guidance**

Mr. Keogh stated the intern has been gathering past information to compile into a graph. He plans on presenting the graph to the GGEC at the April meeting. In the next couple months he will present recommendations to the team.

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

#### **Missoula Green Building Incentive Subcommittee Update**

John Freer reported one new construction permit was issued last month. He spoke about other future incentives regarding retrofit work for potential energy testing. He mentioned they are waiting for more information and he will give a full report at the April GGEC meeting.

### **VI. Action Items:**

#### **1. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)**

Mr. Freer nominated Mr. Keogh as the GGEC chair person. Mr. Keogh declined due to lack of time and said Mr. Schmidt does a good job and should continue. Mr. Keogh stated he will be the Vice Chair person if Mr. Schmidt will be the Chair person.

Mr. Daily moved to approve Mr. Schmidt as GGEC Chair person.

Mr. Sievers seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Freer moved to approve Mr. Keogh as the Vice Chair person.  
Mr. Sievers seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Bills the City should support at the 2011 Legislative Session.

Mr. Schmidt stated a few issues the team recommended died and others haven't come to vote as to date.

Mr. Keogh requests to include the legislative bills & results that were recommended by the GGEC in the letter that is being drafted to Marilyn Marler, and the team agreed.

3. Recommendation to City Council for Reserve St. non-motorized crossings (off grade)

Mr. Schmidt stated crossing the Reserve St. road is difficult and dangerous. He suggested a possible SID from the large corporations on Reserve Street could create several crossings to allow non-motorized and pedestrians to cross the road safely. He discussed the possibility of a daylight tunnel at Reserve St. & Mullan Rd. The team discussed other effective possibilities to cross the road safely.

**VII. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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