



**Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2011, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine**

Members: Ben Schmidt, Chair, Dan Daily, Katie George, Julie Osborn

Members Absent: Owen Weber, Ross Keogh, Brian Kerns, John Freer, Alexander Sievers

Others Present:

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 April 14, 2011 were passed unanimously.

IV. Administrative:

A. City Climate Action Plan Update

Ben Schmidt stated that the original Missoula Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Plan has been active for several years and help set the stage for the current Municipal Climate Action Plan that is under development. If any members of the TEAM wish to participate in the City Climate Action Plan, there is room for additional team members.

The plan has produced in the energy efficiency area, but in a scattered way. The City is tracking energy usage for each City building, and has downsized their vehicles to smaller efficient vehicles. The department employees who drive the vehicles, plan a daily route to save on fuel. The City has reported savings.

Mr. Schmidt stated Amy Gordon coordinator for the Energy Core team has accepted a full time permanent position elsewhere, and Krisztian Varsa, an UM student has been hired to replace Ms. Gordon.

V. Non Action Items:

A. Green Power Missoula Program:

Mr. Schmidt said he is working through the Sterling Planet contract changes and will contact Mr. Kerns to update the contract information. The Missoulian and KPAX TV previously helped market the program and it helped generate a few sales. Ginny Merriam, City Communications officer will help with effective marketing at no cost to the team, and there are sales from people who come across the program on their own.

Ms. Osborn asked if people are finding the information from the website or from Sterling Planet. Mr. Schmidt said he will contact Chase Jones, Office of Planning & Grants for more information and will update the information on the website.

Mr. Schmidt stated Marilyn Marler is asking how the GGEC team plans on spending the green tag money for marketing and educational purposes. He noted Mr. Kerns suggested using some of the funds to attend public events and promote the Green Power program.

Ms. Osborn agreed and suggested there are many downtown events where numerous people attend, and it is a good place to promote the program.

Mr. Schmidt stated he is interested in participating in the events and would be able to attend some, but not all of them. He and Mr. Kerns have attended many fairs in the past to promote the Green Power program, but to be more effective, pamphlets and other promotional substance will be needed.

VI. Action Items:

A. Mullan and Reserve St. Presentation

Mr. Schmidt presented a [powerpoint](#) presentation and discussed the map of the Mullan Rd. Reserve St. area, and the bike/ped options that was previously discussed with Dave Shaw, City Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Schmidt said foot work can be conducted by interested GGEC members and work with various entities that are involved with this project. He discussed contacting businesses in the area to help them become involved with the project and help fund the non-motorized trails.

He mentioned there is lot of foot traffic crossing the road to Walmart. The team discussed pedestrian usage at the intersection and options to gather a foot count to Walmart. Mr. Schmidt stated he will draft a document to address safety concerns, and gather the team's comments before it is presented to the Conservation committee.

B. Outreach and how to spend limited amounts of money available

Mr. Schmidt stated this item will be discussed when Mr. Kerns is available for comment.

VII. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Elam

City Clerk Office