



**Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2011, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine**

Members: Ben Schmidt, Chair, Julie Osborn, Ross Keogh, Brian Kerns, John Freer, Alexander Sievers

Members Absent: Dan Daly, Katie George, Owen Weber

Others Present:

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

I. Announcements:

Mr. Schmidt stated the Green Power Missoula has been a member of the Missoula Sustainable Council for the past year and the membership is about to expire, and the renewal fee is \$100. The group is productive and is worth continuing. Mr. Schmidt will add this item to next month's agenda for discussion.

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

None

III. Approve meeting minutes:

The Minutes for June 9, 2011 were passed unanimously.

IV. Administrative:

A. Program Updates

Mr. Kerns stated there has not been much activity with the Green Power program. He continues to speak with the University staff and noted the program is difficult to promote without active marketers.

B. City Climate Action Plan Update

Mr. Keogh said there will be future recommendations addressed to the City Council to mitigate greenhouse gases regarding options such as building solar panels, fuel efficient vehicles and paper & energy usage.

The group met in May and created four task teams to address different parts of the municipal functions including facilities and fleets, renewable energy, policies & practices, and implementation. The teams are working on a list of ideas, and the results will be compiled into an action plan. The plan will be presented to the Greenhouse Gas Energy Team for discussion before presented to the City Council.

Mr. Keogh stated there will be three separate steps of carbon neutrality goals to help the City become carbon neutral by the year's 2020, 2030 and 2040. The plan will be presented to the GGEC for review in September.

Mr. Kerns discussed solar panel benefits and ideas to help make the options accessible to the public. He noted Allied Waste is interested in a community solar panel development as they have participated in solar panel projects in other communities. He is scheduled to meet with Max Bauer, Allied Waste regarding the project and will update the team at the next meeting.

Mr. Freer supports the climate action plan and feels there is a lot of feasibility work that needs to be done. The solar project is a great tool and the educational aspect is especially important to educate the public.

V. Non Action Items:

Missoula Green Building Incentive Update

Mr. Freer said he participates on a fleet facilities group and supports a green building incentive program for the City. The plan would cover a broad range to implement reductions to all projects regardless of size.

He supports the County's Green Building resolution plan, but feels it is not a solid plan, because the resolution implies the County will try to meet the certifications with available funds whenever possible. He suggests the GGEC support a City policy that requires all new construction, renovation and building addition projects to meet green building standards. Once the City supports the plan, the private sector would follow. He noted Northwestern Energy is interested in a policy, but they prefer to follow state guidelines.

Mullan and Reserve Street Update

Mr. Schmidt stated the County's Rural Initiatives conducted a trail usage survey which is available to view on the County website. Dave Shaw, Parks & Recreation, Phil Smith, Bike/Ped officer and Ann Cundy, Transportation Planner requests to meet with the GGEC team to coordinate a plan. Mr. Schmidt said he will provide two cost estimates on portions of the project, and a couple of other items to present at the meeting. He will provide a draft to the GGEC at the September meeting for team comments.

VI. Action Items:

Recommended Design and Purchase of Team Booth Materials

Mr. Kerns noted there is approximately \$400 to \$500 in the marketing fund account and he discussed purchasing a booth for tabling events.

Mr. Freer said there are other resources available that can be added to the funds. The team can purchase a mobile booth that cost around \$800 to \$900 to travel to various places.

Mr. Schmidt said the booth's purpose is to table events and he asked if the booth would be used for other events. Mr. Kerns asked how many events it would take to make the booth worth the purchase.

Mr. Schmidt stated he has attended events in the past and is willing to attend four events per year, maximum. He said if the booth is not going to get enough usage than the funds should be spent in another area. He suggested the LED project for example and asked for other suggestions.

The team discussed the booth purchase, design, GGEC logo and banners. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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