



**Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2011 - 12:00 - 2:00 pm
City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine
Missoula, Montana**

Members: Ben Schmidt, Chair, Julie Osborn, Ross Keogh, Brian Kerns, Alexander Sievers, Dan Daly, Katie George

Members Absent: John Freer, Owen Weber

Others Present:

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

I. Announcements:

Mr. Schmidt mentioned the Green Power Missoula Pumpkin Run is scheduled for October 15, 2011, and it will start at the Osprey Stadium.

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

None

III. Approve meeting minutes:

The Minutes for [July 14, 2011](#) were passed unanimously.

IV. Administrative:

Green Building Program Update

Mr. Freer was not present. Mr. Ross mentioned he spoke with Mr. Freer and he said he is continuing his efforts to work on the program.

City Climate Action Plan Update

Mr. Schmidt stated Mr. Daly and Mr. Ross are current members on the Mayors Climate Action Plan Team. Mr. Schmidt said he submitted policy statements for the committee regarding speed limits in certain areas of the City. The next meeting is scheduled on September 14th.

Mr. Ross said approximately 30 to 40 people participate on the team. There are members from other committees who participate from Facilities & Fleet, Renewable Energy & Offsets, Policies & Practices and Energy Core who is responsible for drafting the report.

Each committee have met with City staff and discussed different issues and they are producing individual reports that describe mitigation strategies. The reports will be compiled to identify issues that make economic sense. Once the new strategies are approved, implantation of policies will take place over the next 30 to 40 years.

IV. Non Action Items:

Ideas to generate interest for the Green Power Missoula web page

Mr. Schmidt said he will attend the Pumpkin Run event and set up a table with the team's banner to generate new people who are interested in Green Power. He noted he cannot attend the Sunday Streets event as he will be out of town.

The City website has a Green Power site that links to Sterling Planet, and the County website allows a straight connection to Sterling Planet. He noted the [City County](#) website receives more hits than the [County City](#) website, because the [information on the County contains all the Health Department options that people often frequent website is a little more hidden](#). Chase Jones, Office of Planning & Grants updates the [City](#) website often, and Mr. Schmidt noted the GGEC Team has a site on the County's Air Quality web page, and he updates it periodically.

Mr. Kerns stated he continues to work with the UM Griz ticket office to offer people an optional purchase to offset the event. UM is interested, but they currently have several large projects they are working on. Mr. Schmidt stated he will help with progress.

Mullan and Reserve Street Trail Update

Mr. Schmidt said there is a lot of interest regarding the trail issue at Mullan/Reserve St., but it may be difficult to find funding sources. One recommendation is to create an SID for businesses on Reserve Street and ask businesses for donations. He presented and discussed a presentation regarding the Mullan/Reserve St. intersection and the trail option.

The team discussed the proposed trail that would link from Orange St. to Reserve St. along the river, and eventually connect with the Mullan Trail.

VI. Action Items:

Renew membership with Sustainable business Council for Green Power Missoula Advertisement

Mr. Schmidt spoke with Ms. Marler and she said to use the small amount of funds where it would be best. City Council does not like to be involved with small amounts of funds.

Mr. Schmidt moved to renew the membership with the Sustainable Business Council for Green Power Missoula to continue to advertise the program.

Mr. Kerns mentioned the Green Power Missoula is a good program and he supports the motion.

Mr. Daly seconded the motion
The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt stated he is still working with people to find out how much is in the account.

Mr. Kerns said he has past emails regarding the funds and he will email them to Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt agreed.

Mr. Keogh suggested inviting UM personal to a GGEC meeting to speak about their climate action plan efforts. Mr. Kerns noted Sherry Peacock is the contact person.

Ms. Osborn suggested inviting City Council members to attend the GGEC so they can participate with their discussion.

The team agreed to invite Ms. Marler and Sherry Peacock to a GGEC meeting.

Mr. Sievers requested to present a presentation on "Passive House" at the next meeting and the team agreed.

VII. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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