



**Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2012, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
City Council Chambers, 140 West Pine**

Members: Ben Schmidt, Ross Keogh, Amy Cilimburg, Julie Osborn, John Freer, Aaron Hanson, Brian Kerns

Members Absent: Alexander Sievers, Dan Daly

Others Present: Molly Garcia, Kyle Hanson, Chase Jones, Andrew Valainis

Facilitators: Susan Anderson (Sustainable Business Council), Kim Latrielle (Chamber of Commerce)

I. Announcements:

None

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

None

III. Approve meeting minutes:

The minutes for [February 9, 2012](#) were approved unanimously.

IV. Administrative:

A. Municipal Climate Action Plan Update

Mr. Keogh stated the committee completed the draft for the Action Strategies Plan and it will be distributed in the near future. The mayor supports creating a Sustainability Director position to help implement and manage the plan and this position will be filled in April.

Mr. Jones said the plan will be presented to the City department managers for discussion and feedback, after changes are made it will be presented to the GGEC team for additional feedback and on to the City Council for approval. He said it is difficult to set a timeline because of unforeseen issues that arise.

Mr. Keogh noted it is time for the GGEC to decide how the team will participate in the plan and suggests drafting a proposal. The team agreed and will submit their ideas for future discussion.

v. Non-Action Items:

Mullan-Reserve Street Project Update

Mr. Schmidt stated he met with WGM Group to discuss the Long Range Transportation Plan and updated the team with the information. He distributed a [mobility report card](#) for Missoula's transportation systems.

The Long Range Transportation Plan committee will meet tonight at the Holiday Inn Parkside, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be a presentation and public comments are welcome. He presented a presentation using Google Earth and discussed the future transportation options.

vi. Action Items:

Recommend the GGEC Team report to the Public Works City Council Subcommittee commissioned by the City.

Mr. Schmidt said the team previously discussed a request to consider switching the GGEC team reporting from the Conservation committee to the Public Works committee. The team is working more towards Public Works issues than Conservation, and he feels it would be more appropriate.

Mr. Schmidt moved to submit a proposal to the City Council to consider switching GGEC reporting from the Conservation committee to the Public Works committee.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Keogh said he does not feel there is enough information to make a decision at this time. There are some projects that can involve both Conservation and Public Works committees, but the team is becoming more involved in municipal projects that are categorized with the Public Works committee.

He suggests inviting Public Works and City Council members to attend a GGEC meeting to discuss the team's interaction with each committee and where the team can be more efficient and effective. The team agreed.

The team discussed the Mayors Climate Action Plan and how the GGEC team fits into the plan.

The motion was withdrawn.

Recommend that the City undertake an energy efficiency street lighting project.

Mr. Schmidt stated Mr. Keogh drafted a [lighting letter](#) to the Conservation Committee in support for a Municipal LED Lighting Program. Mr. Kerns and WGM Group addressed the letter and suggested revisions.

The team discussed the lighting letter and districts. Mr. Schmidt stated after each election, all committees are appointed a new chair person. Alderman Dave Strohmaier is the current Conservation committee chair, but the team will continue to report to Marilyn Marler. When a subcommittee begins reporting to a committee chair, reporting continues with that same person, even if they are no longer the chair person.

Mr. Schmidt moved to submit the letter of recommendation to the City Council.

Mr. Hanson discussed and asked questions in regards to street lights, energy efficiency and solar power lighting.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt asked the team to write a mission statement regarding the GGEC team goals. He noted he will invite two committee chairs and Public Works staff to attend a meeting for discussion.

vii. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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