



Greenhouse Gas/Energy Conservation Team

Meeting Agenda

November 8th, 2012, 12:00-2:00 pm
140 W. Pine, City Council Chambers

Members Present: Dan Daly, Brian Kerns, Ben Schmidt, Julie Osborn, Molly White, Aaron Hanson, Amy Cilimburg, Alexander Sievers

Members Absent: John Freer

Others Present: Susan Anderson, Kara Colovich, UM Student, Dylan Rogness, UM Student

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

I. Announcements:

Mr. Schmidt clarified the City promotes the "Greenpower Missoula" program that allows the public to purchase renewable energy certificates. The program is through a private company known as Sterling Planet, and 20% of the money is used for energy initiatives in the City. The Sustainable Business Council (SBC) has agreed to help market the program to educate and encourage the public to participate.

Ms. Anderson stated the SBC promotes a seasonally "buy local" campaign, and they published a "Buy Local" article in the Missoula's Hub "Corridor" magazine. The article is intended to lead readers to the SBC website to see who the members are, and to encourage people to buy local products this holiday season. There will be a page that suggests gift ideas. The campaign also encourages people to visit the GGEC website to learn about the Greenpower Missoula program.

II. **Public Comments On Items Not Listed On The Agenda:**

None

III. **Approve Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes for [September 13th, 2012](#) were approved as submitted.

IV. **Administrative:**

A. **Municipal Climate Action Plan Update**

Ms. Cilimburg clarified the City has processed a conservation and climate action plan for municipal building operations. The City's goal is to reduce carbon input and create strategies to be carbon neutral. The project team includes citizens and the Office of Planning & Grants.

The plan is currently in the design phase to be printed in a readable format for presentation, and it will be presented to the City Council when their schedule allows time.

Mr. Schmidt said after the plan is presented to the City Council, the GGEC will hold a public evening meeting to gather input. The GGEC and the public comments will be compiled and presented to the council for consideration before the plan is finalized. He noted the plan can be amended as time passes and technology moves forward.

V. **Non-Action Items:**

A. **Green Building Program**

No report at this time.

B. **State Legislative Recommendation to City Preparation**

Mr. Schmidt stated the GGEC received positive feedback from the City Council regarding their endeavors from the last legislative session. The council has requested the GGEC to continue their efforts with the greenhouse gas bills and report their recommendations to the Conservation committee.

He noted the GGEC December 13th meeting should include discussion regarding the bills and decide on what the GGEC supports and opposes. Sometime after the January 10th meeting the GGEC can meet with the Conservation committee to report their recommendations.

Mr. Daly agreed and said that is the same timeline the GGEC used at the last session and it worked out well. He asked if the results are available for viewing to prevent duplication.

Mr. Schmidt stated most of the bills that the GGEC opposed did not pass, but they are reintroduced at every session, so the team will need to address them again.

Mr. Kerns mentioned he spoke with the newly elected Senator Dick Barrett and he said he will introduce a bill regarding virtual net metering. He noted sometimes a bill needs to be introduced several times before it is considered and he feels this kind of bill should be introduced frequently.

VI. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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