



**Energy & Climate Team**  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2015, 12 - 2 pm  
140 W. Pine, City Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Brian Kerns, Ben Schmidt, Molly White, Robin Saha

**Members absent:** John Freer

**Others present:** Chase Jones, Bob Giordano

**I. Announcements:**

Ms. White announced the Adapt, Missoula's Climate Initiative group has a new website at [www.Missoulaclimate.org](http://www.Missoulaclimate.org)

Mr. Schmidt said he will present an update on behalf of the Team to the Parks & Conservation committee next Wednesday regarding legislative activity related to conservation, energy and climate issues. The information helps the council to move forward with the bills.

The Climate & Energy website updates will be mandated through Marty Rehbein, City Clerk.

The new members to the Team are Diana Maneta (Alternate 1), Sara Rinfret (Alternate 2) and Dave Potchak (Builders Sector). They will be attending the next meeting on Friday, February 2.

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

Bob Giordano gave a brief presentation regarding Missoula's road issues. The presentation included road diets, bike lanes, pedestrian crossings and roundabouts. Since the Broadway Diet, there have been less vehicle accidents on Broadway, and it is safer for bicycle riders and for pedestrians to cross the street. Higgins Ave. is a two lane road and has proven to be safer and is working well. Reconstruction to the Higgins Ave. bridge is still in progress and will have a new makeover in the near future.

There was discussion about the roundabout on Higgins Ave. and the safety of pedestrians crossing the street.

There will be more discussion about the City's streets on January 12, 2015 located at the Currents Aquatics Center from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

**III. Approve meeting minutes of November 13, 2014:**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**IV. Administrative:**

**A. Mayors Conservation and Climate Action Plan Technical Advisory Team update.**

Ms. White stated the team has been researching and developing a high performance building standard for City owned properties, they are also working on drafting RFP aimed at understanding opportunities for solar PV and/or thermal deployment on City owned properties.

Note: ClearPath software replaces ICLEI's CACP software. ClearPath is an all-in-one suite of online tools to complete GHG inventories, forecasts, and climate action plans at the community-wide or government operations scale. It is designed to collect a large variety of information.

Mr. Jones noted the data collection for an FY14 Emissions Inventory update continues and they hope to finish towards late January; the tool will allow for efficient inventories in the future. One efficiency is that ClearPath will develop and update greenhouse gas emissions accounting protocols when necessary and updates will be built into the tool. The primary work load is still data collection. There was discussion.

**B. Schedule extra state legislature meetings.**

The team will meet on the second Friday of the month at 12 noon. In February and March other meetings may be scheduled as needed in order to meet the session's timeline.

**V. Non-Action Items:**

None

**VI. Action Items:**

**A. Elect 2015 Chair and Vice Chair for the Energy & Climate Team.**

The team agreed to wait and do elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions at the February meeting when the new members are present.

- B. Propose bills for the City of Missoula to support or oppose at the 2015 state legislature session. Bills will connect with energy and climate issues such as net metering etc.

There are no bills for the City and no action is needed at this time.

Ms. Maneta has been appointed to the E&C Team and she will have a lot of information to contribute that will help with the bills.

Mr. Saha mentioned the City has an intern and suggested requesting brief updates from him.

Mr. Jones requests to be included in conversations and asked to be kept in the loop and stated that he is also tracking the Session from a City staff perspective and will be happy to share information from that point of view.

**VII. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 1 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam  
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