



Energy & Climate Team
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2015, 12 - 2 pm
140 W. Pine, Jack Reidy Conference Room

Members Present: Brian Kerns, Ben Schmidt, Robin Saha, Diana Maneta, David Potchak

Members absent: John Freer, Molly White, Sara Rinfret

Others present: Chase Jones

I. Announcements:

Mr. Jones stated that the Energy and Climate Team should feel free to add to the recommendations prepared by the City. The current City recommendations were municipally focused. The Energy and Climate Team can have a municipal and community focus.

II. Public comments on items not listed on the agenda:
None

III. Approve meeting minutes of January 9, 2015:

The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. Administrative:
None

V. Non-Action Items:
None

VI. Action Items:

- A. 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.

Ms. Maneta gave a brief overview of SB 182, SB 134, HB 192 and HB 188. Mr. Jones and Ms. Maneta wrote the draft recommendations of support for these four bills.

The team discussed the fact that some of these bills had already been tabled in committee and that the City was already in support of three of the bills. It was decided that for educational reasons and because a push now on bills may still have an impact at future legislatures, that the team would still consider recommending that the City support the four bills under consideration by the team. This is also an opportunity to get the city council and more members of the community involved in the net metering issues.

Mr. Potchak's recommended that the phrase "This bill creates an incentive to invest in new renewable energy systems. By providing an extended opportunity to use credits earned, it could contribute to a shorter payback period on the initial investment in the systems" be added to the HB188 write up. The team voted to include Mr. Potchak's addition to the HB 188 recommendation.

The Energy & Climate Team voted unanimously that the City should support all four of these bills.

vii. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Schmidt
Energy and Climate Team Chair