



Energy & Climate Team
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2015, 12:00-2:00 pm
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Brian Kerns, Diana Maneta, Sarah Rinfret, Dave Potchak, Robin Saha

Members Absent: Ben Schmidt, John Freer

Others Present: UM students from state and local government class

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

I. Announcements:

Mr. Saha announced that he was chairing the meeting due to the absence of Ben Schmidt. He also announced that there is a climate rally going on outside of Sen. Daines' office in Missoula at this time.

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

None

III. Approve minutes for February 13, 2015

The minutes were approved unanimously with a change to Section V, Item B, regarding SB 114. "and noted this bill does not have a direct effect on the City" was stricken from the sentence beginning " Ms. Maneta gave an update on this bill ..."

Administrative:

None

IV. Non-Action Items:

None

V. Action Items:

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A. Propose bills for the City of Missoula to support or oppose at the 2015 State Legislative session. Bills will connect with Energy and Climate issues.

The team considered one bill.

SB 171 – “An Act Generally Revising Taxation of Income”

Ms. Maneta gave an update on this bill, which has passed the Senate. The bill would eliminate various tax credits for energy conservation improvements and renewable energy systems that are used by many Missoula residents and businesses.

There was discussion and team voted unanimously to recommend opposing the bill.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

[Minutes taken Robin Saha]