



Energy & Climate Team
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2015, 12:00-2:00 pm
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Ben Schmidt, John Freer, Brian Kerns, Diana Maneta, Dave Potchak, Robin Saha, Molly White

Members Absent: Sara Rinfret

Others Present: Chase Jones, Kelly Elam

Facilitators: Sustainable Business Council and Chamber of Commerce

I. Announcements:

The Sustainable Business Council created a movement known as “Moving Missoula Toward Zero Waste Month.” A calendar of events can be found at www.sustainablebusinesscouncil.org. Mayor Engen proclaimed April, 2015 as Zero Waste Month at the Monday night City Council Meeting.

The Clean Energy fair will take place on September 19, 2015 at Caras Park. Details are available at www.montanarenewables.org/

Governor Bullock vetoed SB114, which would have eliminated incentives for new renewable energy development by allowing existing hydropower dams to count toward the Renewable Energy Standard.

II. Approve minutes for March 13, 2015

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Administrative:

A. Website Update

The website is updated and current. Marty Rehbein, City Clerk will make changes when the Team has changes. Mr. Saha stated that a more current version of the WRAP document was available, and he would ask for that document to be updated on the web site.

B. Mayors Conservation and Climate Action Plan Technical Advisory Team update.

At the last meeting the Team reviewed the greenhouse and gas emissions for municipal buildings. Mr. Jones will draft the changes and present them to the Leadership Team first, after that, they will become public knowledge. He will create a report and presentation to present to the E&C Team.

He noted Adapt: Missoula's Climate Initiative have been working with citizens from various sectors on a local climate action plan. More information can be found at www.missoulaclimate.org/

III. **Non-Action Items:**

A. Recycling in Missoula

Ms. Rinfret is absent and this item will be reviewed at a later date.

B. Future direction/projects/mission for the Energy & Climate Team.

Mr. Schmidt gave an overview on the Teams past projects and accomplishments that include:

- Recycling bins in the downtown and other areas.
- Seek grants for educational events
- Requests to the City through resolutions
- Emission inventory
- Supported the creation of a city Sustainability/Energy Coordinator position
- Recommendations to the City Council to use bio-diesel in the city fleets

Mr. Schmidt asked the Team for project ideas.

- Allow the City to sell carbon offsets
- RFP to contract to market carbon offsets
- Follow up on the Green Building Policy and strengthen resolution 7241
- Support community projects and promote public education
- Ms. White stated that presentations by community members was good and provided a channel to the city council for those community members.
- Mr. Freer stated that we should highlight 2 or 3 things/projects and focus on those.
- Help with the Climate Action Plan implementation and support it doing projects
- Ms. Maneta mentioned that other towns have held events jointly hosted by the community and the municipality to raise money for energy projects. One example would be to hold a run to raise money for photovoltaic panels at a

municipal building. Missoula should consider this. Mr. Schmidt stated that he might be willing to help in something like this.

Mr. Schmidt will request Councilman Bryan von Lossberg to attend a Climate & Energy Team meeting to gather feedback.

IV. Action Items:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam
City Clerk Office