



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

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

Members Absent: Sara Rinfret, John Freer

Others Present: Chase Jones, Caroline Lauer

Facilitators: Sustainable Business Council and Chamber of Commerce

I. Announcements:

Mr. Kerns gave an update on the UM building reconditioning project.

Mr. Kerns stated the Sterling Planet carbon offset program was not successful because of lack of funds to educate the public. Currently, the program is not activated on their website but if the Team agrees, it can be reactivated. If there were advertising, more people would utilize the program.

Mr. Jones said Climate Smart Missoula (CSM) partnered with the Missoula Downtown Association and in conjunction with the River Roots Festival scheduled in August. CSM is looking for volunteers to raise awareness to reduce energy. They would like to have an educational booth that highlights energy conservation efforts, displays and maybe games at the festival. They are also interested in providing additional bicycle stations where bikes can be locked up, and water stations for people to refill their water bottles.

Mr. Kerns said the Team arranged for recycling bins in the downtown area several years ago, and two bins went to the Community Medical Center. The person who managed the bins has since retired and the bins are available. He noted Linda McCarthy, Downtown Association has expressed interest in them, and he asked the Team for other ideas.

II. Approve minutes for May 8, 2015

The minutes were approved.

Non-Action Item

A. Municipal Emission Inventory Proposal [Presentation](#)

Mr. Jones introduced his co-worker Caroline Lauer, Energy Education Coordinator. They are working to reduce energy and improve the City's carbon footprint. Together they compiled project information from 2008 through 2014 and gave a presentation.

Action Items:

B. Renewable Energy Project Fund Raiser Proposal

Mr. Schmidt said Helena had a running event that gave them an opportunity to raise funds for various reasons and the event was successful. He suggested raising money at the Missoula running events to help purchase solar panels on non-profit, University of Montana, or Municipal buildings in the City. It would be a good way educate the public and raise funding, and he thought the River Roots Festival in August would be a good place to start. There was discussion and the Team agreed.

Mr. Saha moved for the Team to approach entities, organizations and the City Council to pursue renewable energy fund raising for non-profit, University of Montana, or municipality projects.

Ms. Maneta seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam
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