



**Energy & Climate Team**  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2015, 12:00 pm  
City Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Ben Schmidt, Brian Kerns, Diana Maneta, Sara Rinfret,

**Members Absent:** John Freer, Robin Saha, Dave Potchak,

**Others Present:** Chase Jones, Kelly Elam

**Facilitators:** Sustainable Business Council and Chamber of Commerce

**I. Announcements:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Clean Energy Fair is scheduled on September 19 from 9-4 located at Caras Park and there is no cost. There will be 12 educational workshops on solar, wind, and other topics, an electric car show, kids' activities including model solar car races and solar ovens, and a raffle for a \$1,000 electric bicycle.

September 19 through 26 is the bike, walk, bus week and a list of events can be found at [www.missoulainmotion.com](http://www.missoulainmotion.com)

A new Energy Core member is joining the Energy Conservation office. His name is Chris Essman and is from Elon, North Carolina. He will begin on September 21 and will work in the Energy Conservation Department and for Central Services for 11 months.

Solarize Missoula is a grassroots community project to increase solar installations in Missoula by reducing cost, complexity and customer inertia. Ms. Maneta will keep the Team updated as progress continues.

**II. Approve minutes for July 10, 2015**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Administrative:**

None

**Non-Action Item**

A. Renewable Energy Project Fund Raiser set for October 18, 2015

The Run Wild Missoula's 20th Annual Pumpkin Run is a benefit for the Missoula Food Bank & the University of Montana Lommasson Center's Solar PV Array project, and all race proceeds will be divided between the two. The run is scheduled on October 18 and the kid's race begins at 9:45 am and the 5K begins at 10:10 am. Both races begin outside the main entrance at Ogren Park, at Allegiance Field, on Cregg Lane.

The UM has a revolving energy loan fund, and on a yearly basis the students offer proposals and raise funding on their own. This year an electric 5 kw solar panel will be installed at the Lommasson Center sometime in October or November.

Questions and comments:

Who directs the student fund raising?

ASUM directs the funds that were raised by the students.

Update on the prior solar project at the UM

The project has been in the works but is not moving forward. A 3 megawatt system takes time to design and the Board of Regents needs to approve the project, and it doesn't seem to be going forward, so the project will probably not be completed.

**Action Items:**

B. Recommend that Missoula join the Compact of Mayors on Climate Change.

The Compact of Mayors is a coalition of local leaders addressing climate change by pledging to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, track their progress, and prepare for climate impacts.

Mr. Jones said there are several steps to take, and it will take three years to move through them. He said the biggest hurdle is capacity and staff time to do another greenhouse gas population reporting system. The City is a member of Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) and they provide a software program known as ClearPath, which is a powerful, advanced web application for energy and emissions management.

The committee will meet on September 17 to discuss the City's capacity to sign on with the Mayors Climate Change.

The Energy & Climate Team moved the City of Missoula particularly the mayor's office looks into the Compact of Mayors climate change agreement and participate if appropriate resources in the community are available.

Ms. Maneta seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam  
City Clerk Office