



Energy & Climate Team
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2019, 12:00 pm
Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine

Members Present: Michael Dorshorst, Bart Mihailovich, Chris Rowe, Robin Saha, Gwen Lankford Spencer, Joshua Nichols,

Members Absent: Craig Couch, Marcia Brownlee, Brian Kerns

Others Present: Deloris Anders, Gwen Jones, Kelly Elam

Announcements:

Robin announced the Sunrise Movement will meet Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 2 pm located at the Missoula Library.

Public comments on items not listed on the agenda:

None

I. Approve meeting minutes:

Minutes for April 12, 2019 were approved as submitted.

II. Administrative:

A. Summer Meetings

The Team agreed to meet June, July and miss the August meeting for the summer with the possibly of canceling the July meeting.

B. Meeting items for future agendas

The Team discussed possible presentations for the up-coming meetings.

- Diana Maneta and cryptocurrency for the June meeting
- Winona Bateman with Families for a Livable Climate
- Logjam Presents enviro initiative – not confirmed
- Climate save Missoula – not confirmed

There was discussion about Logjam’s zero waste policy at their concerts and venues. They joined the cities Zero by Fifty program, and are composting and recycling and have completely switched to compostable materials.

III. Non-Action Items:

A. Comprehensive renewable energy initiative on the ballot in Montana in 2020

Deloris Anders, Montana Community Affordable Renewable Energy Saves (MTcares) is a Montana Corporation seeking signatures, donations and volunteers to help support I-180 & I-184, which is a 2020 ballot measure to require investor owned utilities to supply 52% of their electricity from renewable energy by 2027 and 80% by 2034, and required to provide retraining, enhanced unemployment benefits, and pension support for fossil fuel workers displaced by the transition to clean energy. She distributed a handout on I-180.

She said Russ Doty, Attorney was involved is a case to require Northwestern Energy to install LED street lighting to save more than 50% of the energy used by reducing street lighting double charges and are being assessed in Montana communities. Mr. Doty wrote a book called Poles Apart on Montana electric and gas utility rate regulations.

Gwen Jones noted the City is aware of this issue and Councilman DiBari is taking up the street light issue.

B. Update on activities of Climate Ready Communities

Gwen Langford Spencer said they had a workshop meeting on May 8 involving the public and conducted a vulnerability assessment that included a rating system. They will meet again on May 16, at noon to 12:30 pm located at the County Courthouse

IV. Action Items:

[Resolution on Entomophagy for Missoula City Council](#)

Several University students wrote a resolution on entomophagy, and Mike, Robin and Bart looked it over and made a few edits. The Team discussed the benefits of replacing insects with livestock environmental degradation. Bozeman has a commercial cricket farm known as Cowboy Crickets and they produce organic raised crickets. There was discussion on how to implement the idea to the public.

A. Legislative Update

Mike gave a report on a bill he has been tracking.

v. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam
City Clerk Office