



## **Energy & Climate Team**

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2019

12:00-2:00 pm

City Council Chambers

**Members Present:** Bart Mihailovich, Brian Kerns, Chris Rowe, Gwen Lankford Spencer, Scott McNall, Jeremy Flesch, Michael Dorshorst, Joshua Nichols

**Members Absent:** Robin Saha

**Others Present:** Gwen Jones, Kelly Elam, Jake Mogel, Skylar Caldwell, Chase Jones

**I. Announcements:** None

**II. Approve minutes for September 12, 2019:**  
The minutes will be approved at a later date.

**III. Public Comments not listed on the agenda:** None

**IV. Administrative:**

A. Next Meetings

November 14, 2019

December 12, 2019

January 9, 2019

B. Discuss Team Leadership

The Team will nominate the vice chair position at the November 14, meeting.

**V. Non-Action Items:**

A. Update on Entomophagy Proclamation

Michael attended the Sunday Streets event and gave a presentation on edible bugs and distributed samples for people to try. People were interested and receptive to the idea. He offered to give a presentation about entomophagy to the Team.

The Team discussed BYC (bring your own container) to restaurants to take home leftovers as an alternative of restaurants providing disposable waste containers. There are federal regulations that contain food safety issues. The idea is a diner

brings back the plastic container, and the restaurant provides a clean and sanitized one. Michael is working with Grace from the University on the concept. He suggested this might be a project the Team might want to think about to help promote. There was discussion.

**B. Budget update from Gwen Jones**

Gwen said the council passed the City budget which includes a FTE to work with Chase Jones. Funding for the Home Resource Zero by 50 program and the Climate Smart Missoula.

The City Council interviewed Ellis Walker-Keleher, a 14 year old for the E&C Team position. Ellis and his sister started a zero emissions lawn mowing business for lawn mowers, weed whackers and a solar/battery operated bicycle to haul them. Gwen asked if there is interest in appointing students under 18 years to be on the Team. If there is, the by-laws will need to be changed. Several members supported the idea. There was discussion about two year terms and the possibility of changing meeting times to accommodate the students, and the possibility of meeting at the schools.

**C. Energy Performance Contracting process**

Chase Jones said five companies responded to the RFP proposal. One company will be selected to do an audit and guarantee the results for energy savings, and if it fails the company will pay for it. The audit will be conducted on the City's 14 buildings. They will make recommendations for energy savings and the City will pick and choose the best fit and need.

Scott asked what the value of the Mayors Climate Action Plan is.

Chase said the plan was adopted in 2013 and the Community plan was adopted in 2015. The City does follow the plan and agreed that some of it needs to be updated, and some of the strategies can't be followed. He will present to the Team at the November meeting.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Goal Setting**

Chase gave a list of strategic planning for the coming year and briefly described the details.

- Waste base study – landfill
- Plastic bag ordinance
- Quest Energy Corp person working with Chase
- Zero to waste ordinance

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elam

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