



Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2009–3:15 p.m.
McCall Library– Idaho Room



COMMITTEE MEETING – Began at 3:15 p.m.

Jenni Blake, Lindsey Truxel, Nathan Wagner, Claire Remsberg, Cindy Miller, Kathy O’Neill, John Rygh, and Michelle Groenevelt (City of McCall staff) were present.

John made a motion to approve the May EAC minutes, Jenni seconded, the motion carried.

The EAC members each expressed his/her top 5 priority projects to identify common themes:

Top Priorities

John

1. Mosquito abatement – talking to Eric
2. Noxious weed control
3. Top soil
4. Construction waste
5. Wood burning
6. Biochar – long term
7. Energy audit (City)- long term
8. Water conservation

Kathy

1. Recycling
2. Hazardous waste disposal
3. Energy audit – solar
4. Education
5. Green building codes
6. Environmental club at high school

Nathan

1. No fogging – mosquito abatement
2. Education – school assembly
3. No idling program

Jenni

1. Recycling
2. Green landscaping
3. Education
4. Solar street lights
5. Green building codes
6. Pathways and public transit

Cindy

1. Burning alternatives
2. Green golf course
3. Hazardous waste recycling
4. Mosquito abatement – education and alternatives to pesticides
5. Green landscaping

Lindsey

1. Recycling / hazardous waste
2. Education
3. Solar lights
4. Pathways & transit – Deinhard Lane
5. Community appearance
6. Construction waste
7. Public transit
8. Environ guidelines report

Claire

1. Education – through a website
2. Continue looking into City/community efforts
3. Mosquito abatement
4. Case studies
 - Building code incentives
 - Urban chicken ordinance
 - CC&Rs (min. square footage for houses, clothes line prohibition, etc.)
5. Lighting installation

Common Themes

- Mosquito abatement alternatives
- Construction waste
- Energy audit
- Recycling / hazardous waste
- Education
- Green landscaping
- Solar street lights
- Pathways & transit
- Burning alternatives
- Green building codes

Claire, Cindy and John will make a presentation to City Council in July.

Mosquito Abatement Alternative Update

John reported back to the group about his findings of his research
BTI in use for a long time – no resistance from this Larvacide
C – bacteria

John passed the information on to Eric at the golf course.

- talked to researcher
- WSG – water soluble granules
- need to know species to decide what to spray
- need study to measure effectiveness
- integrated pest management
- ask Lacey (PhD) to come to McCall in 5 months when he retires
- Eric is going to get person from Ada County Pest Control to determine type of mosquito

Cindy said that the EAC needs to explain that West Nile is not an eminent threat in McCall.

Eric posted some signs on the golf course explaining the mosquito abatement program.

July 9th is the next Council meeting and Eric will make a presentation. The EAC will talk with Eric about weekly newspaper warning, website, and rewording with bullet points

Noxious Weeds Update

John did some research on noxious weeds. John talked to Brock about brochure & program.

- seed head weevil will eat seed head of knapweed and keep population in control.
- pass on information to Brock about biological control / have to spray & plant something else to create a competitor.

Identify patches of knapweed, after it becomes a dead stalk in the fall, spray rosette then it takes it to the root system. Then spread seed.

Water bill message (know your knapweed) – John will communicate information to Brock. Brock could come to next meeting to educate about noxious programs. Staff will check with Deb Fereday about the mapping project for noxious weeds.

There was discussion about a poster project on knapweed in mid-July to explain why it is bad?

Idaho Power Update

Kathy sent email with 1P calculations and the next step is to get electrician for cost estimate.


- Annual energy saving is 34% (\$471 per year)

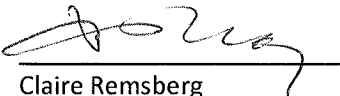
Kathy will follow up with 2 electricians:

- Rogers Electric
- Les Owsley

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Attest:


 Michelle Groenevelt
 Community Development Director


 Claire Remsberg
 EAC Chair