



**Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes**
November 17, 2009–3:15 p.m.
McCall Public Library – Idaho Room
216 East Park Street, McCall, ID 83638



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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

John, Claire, Cindy, Jenni, Pricilla (for Lindsey), Kathy (via phone) and Michelle (staff) were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The October 20, 2009 Minutes were approved with a minor correction.

3. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG)

Carol Coyle gave an update on the EECBG program. Staff will ask Council for approval to submit first for concept then develop a more comprehensive proposal. The proposal will include an overall strategy, energy audit, and retrofit projects. There is a concept to develop a partnership with the City of Donnelly if mutually beneficially for both partners. \$5.7 million will be awarded for smaller cities and counties so it likely they will fund 57 proposals that does not include the larger communities.

Staff requesting feedback from the EAC on the proposal and the strategy which included:

- Can include waste stream, buildings, and operations and maintenance
- Want to make sure the proposal is not far reaching
- Daily operations- recycling, water management for community, upgrading equipment
- Mechanical- heating or cooling systems
- Budgeting tool, no facilities plan

Audits- need to know the components

- Windows and window covering (local business)
- \$318,000 for retrofits for City Hall and Library
- Lighting retrofit
- Equipment- more fuel efficient
- RFP and procurement process and job creation for local people (windows, lighting, etc.)
- Project management- may need to hire someone to manage the grants and projects. Do we want to write in a part time person to be our “energy czar.”

Staff should find out the results of the grant submittal around the first week of December and if the City of McCall is awarded the grant. Valley County unemployment rate is second highest in the state after Adams County. Staff will send out RFP before sending out grant- to gather information on general information. It is due Dec. 19th.

Kathy will look into Idaho Small Business to see what is in the audits. Office of Energy has lots of resources on their website. Staff will need to know cost of consulting services.

4. RENEWABLE ENERGY ENTERPRIZE ZONE GRANT UPDATE

Staff gave an update on the REEZ program and a summary of the solar project. There was discussion about how the EAC can assist in the grant effort.

5. AGREEMENT- FROM ENERGY CONFERENCE

Claire introduced the concept of the Mayor's Climate Agreement. There is a network of communities that are working to sign an agreement to reduce energy reduction (by 10 percent.) It is a non-binding agreement that City Council would need to approve. It is a guiding document that shows communities are committed to efforts related to energy conservation and reduction.

The first section of the agreement says that communities set benchmarks in first 4 months- this might be a too ambitious according to EAC members. The agreement seems to tie into other City efforts and grant opportunities. The agreement can be used the basic tools to reduce energy and bring awareness to community. EAC will bring the agreement to City Council with comments and recommendations and get feedback from Council before consideration of the adoption of the agreement.

6. LIBRARY LIGHTING PROJECT

Kathy will email staff the pre-application for the lighting project.

7. OTHER

Christmas Tree Disposal- There was discussion on if the Forest Service will take Christmas trees. The Forest Service is not committed this year because they do not have specific projects that require wood. Lake Shore Disposal will take Christmas trees in 4 foot lengths but the trees end up in the landfill. Snowdon Wildlife Sanctuary will take pumpkins to feed to the bears.

Headlights- rechargeable headlights are available at Gravity Sports.

Burn ban issue (open fire)- Cindy called Evergreen and Tamarack that use chips (hog fuel). She talked to Randy Acker about where wood chips go and he gives them to the Forest Service.

There was discussion about have a community composting site. For example, a dump truck that brings yard debris to Riverfront Park one day per year which could be a composting site for leaves and needles. It may be possible to recoup the cost by selling wood chips. The wood chips could be used for various purposes such as pathways, master gardens, etc.

Recycling in the Post Office- Claire will spearhead the effort to get a recycling effort at the Post Office and follow up on the no idle zone.

8. ADJOURNMENT

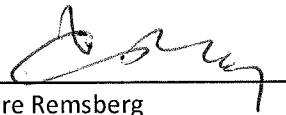
The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Date: November 17, 2009

Attest:



Michelle Groenevelt
Community Development Director



Claire Remsberg
EAC Chair