



**Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes**
December 14, 2010–6 p.m.
McCall Public Library – Idaho Room
216 East Park Street, McCall, ID 83638



COMMITTEE MEETING – Begins at 6 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Cindy Miller, Anika Miller, Fred Coriell, John Rygh, and Lindsey Truxel were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The November 16, 2010 were approved.

3. SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Lindsey explained that the superintendents started a “green team” and the group is writing policy. The policy will drive what happens at the schools includes topics like lighting, heating, composting, etc. The group looked at other schools and is currently finalizing the policy.

Ruth talked about not having trash containers and just recycling some other schools. The green team is interested in what the EAC is working on and eventually coordinating with the EAC.

4. ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL- DECEMBER 16, 2010

Claire emailed an outline and the Committee made the following additions to the original document:

***McCall Environmental Advisory Committee
Annual Report to City Council – December 2010***

MEMBERS

New Members – Fred Coriell, Anika Miller, Ruth Lewinski

Lost Members – Jenni Blake, Delilah Bloom

PRESENTATIONS TO COMMITTEE

Dean Martens, Forest Service – Jan

Community composting discussion

Chris Brand, McKinstry – Feb

vendor of energy efficiency, alternative energy & financing services

Eric McCormick, McCall Golf Course - May

Dennis Coyle, City Parks & Rec – June

Mary Hart, Recycle Partners - Nov

PROJECTS 2010

AIR QUALITY

EAC encouraged City departments to chip woody debris. Public Works and the Parks Department committed resources for this effort. This is an example of a pro-active measure by the City of McCall

ANTI-IDLING

More signs posted at participating organizations: M-D High School, Bear Basin parking lot. The Post Office was approached twice but unwilling to post the sign.

COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

Met in Jan. with Dean Martens- this triggered the discussion about community composting and chipping opportunities.

Current efforts:

- County – EAC visited Valley County Transfer Station (Oct)
- Golf Course
- High School

Challenges of correct proportion of materials (lots of dry carbon, not so much nitrogen). Interest in getting participation of landscapers.

The new recycle center would be a good location for a pilot project for community composting for yard waste. The EAC talked with Mary Hart about this issue.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous Waste Day collection event sponsored by DEQ and help with promotion by EAC

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Feb – presentation by Chris Brand of McKinstry, regarding services for building commissioning, alternative energy systems design

October - Hosted intra-governmental and public workshops with Snake River Alliance, Idaho Power and local providers.

Wrap-up of Library Lighting retrofits in January-February.

EECBG grant- energy audits and public retrofits.

ENERGY AGREEMENT & WORKSHOP

The Agreement effort by the Snake River Alliance was modified to an Energy Efficiency workshop series – first of which included Idaho Power incentives and online tracking, building walk-thru, evening public reception with local vendors of energy services & products

AMERICA IN BLOOM

EAC supported this effort, including a tour of the McCall Community Garden
Existence of EAC may have helped with AIB recognition

MICRO-LIVESTOCK

EAC support of discussion on proposed ordinance

GOLF COURSE

Audubon recognition, unique in Valley County

Star News article of recognition
EAC Tour of Golf Course operations in June
Water quality testing efforts with school groups- 5th graders did a larva inventory and this was connected with the MOSS program.
Added bat and bird boxes

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Alternative biological efforts at Golf Course, (John will get more info to Claire on the results of the effort)

NOXIOUS WEEDS

EAC initiated the 3rd grade weevils program and plan to bring in a biocontrol expert to put on a workshop for public and local officials.

WATER BILL MESSAGES

Interruption of EAC messages due to US Census and other City messages.

SCHOOLS

Lindsey is serving on the green team. The green team is interested in what the EAC is working on and eventually coordinating with the EAC.

FUTURE EFFORTS:

- WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT
- GREEN HANDBOOK
Summary of goals and tool in budgeting process

5. MEETING DAY/TIME

There was some discussion about the meeting time to being held at 6 pm for the regular meetings. The next meeting is January 18, 2011 at 6 pm.

6. OTHER

Air quality monitor is still in McCall under the DEQ website.

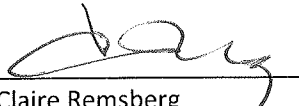
There was some discussion about the disposal of medical waste. Leslie Freeman asked for a letter of support for a grant. Cindy explained the "cat litter" process for medical waste disposal. The EAC will write a letter of support. John will email the letter to the EAC and then get it to Leslie by this Friday. Invite Leslie Freeman from DEQ to the next meeting.

Kathy and John's term will expire January 2011. Staff will advertise the positions in the Star News.

7. ADJOURNMENT

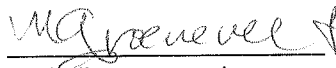
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Date: December 14, 2010



Claire Remsberg
EAC Chair

Attest:



Michelle Groenevelt
Community Development Director