



**Environmental Advisory Committee
Agenda**
February 15, 2011–6 p.m.
McCall Legion Hall
216 East Park Street, McCall, ID 83638



COMMITTEE MEETING – Begins at 6 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
 - 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - December 14, 2010
 - January 18, 2011
 - 3. EAC ACTION PLAN**
 - 4. RECYCLING UPDATE**
 - 5. WEBSITE OUTLINE**
 - 6. OTHER**
 - 7. ADJOURNMENT**
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Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

December 14, 2010–6 p.m.
McCall Public Library – Idaho Room
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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

Attest:

Claire Remsberg
EAC Chair

Michelle Groenevelt
Community Development Director



**Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes**
January 18, 2011–6 p.m.
Legion Hall
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Cindy Miller, Anika Miller, Claire Remsberg, Ruth Lewinski, and Lindsey Truxel were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The December 14, 2010 minutes will be scheduled for the February meeting to allow committee members to review again.

3. DEQ- Leslie Freeman

Leslie explained some activities that related to the City of McCall or items that the EAC would be interested in learning about. Leslie explained her role in monitoring Payette Lake for water quality issues. She also issues a newsletter with information about appropriate landscaping and water quality issues. She has been working with the County on finding funding for hazardous waste programs. Leslie explained the WQP3 grant program with the Valley Soil and Water Conservation District. There is \$130,000 for this area (Payette Lake to Smith Ferry) for riparian restoration projects. The contact person is Kay Koski (382-3317). There was discussion about the Riverfront Park project to restore the area below the sheep bridge to prevent erosion. EAC members were interested in partnering with the schools and using volunteers for planting. City staff will need to discuss this project with Parks and Public Works staff. The funding cycle ends June 1, 2011 but a new cycle will start after this time. A Staff person will be scheduled at the next meeting to discuss Riverfront Park and project ideas.

4. WEAVEL UPDATE

Lindsey gave a brief update on the weavel project in the school. She reported this project would be done by the 3rd grade class and explained how the weavel/knapweed boxes worked.

5. MEETING DAY/TIME

There was some discussion about the meeting time and day and it was decided to keep the day, time and location. Regular meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6 pm in Legion Hall.

6. OTHER

Staff received two letters of interest from Morgan Zedalis and Burket Kniveton who are interested in serving on the EAC. John and Kathy's terms expire in January 2011.

There was some discussion on recycling in general, the lack of recycling bins in the community, encouraging a recycle bin design contest, and the need for recycling at Winter Carnival. Cindy will contact the Chamber of Commerce to see if there will be provisions for recycling bins at the events and beer gardens.

Claire said she would work on an outline for the EAC website.

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Action List – September 2009

IN PROGRESS

Mosquito abatement alternatives

Working with golf course to find safe and effective alternatives to control mosquitoes, with goal in reducing need for fogging

Anti-Idling

Education and signage program for vehicles

Anti-Idling / Clean-Air zones at schools with hand-outs to parents

Materials Recycling

Recycling Forum and other efforts to coordinate various community and business efforts at recycling

Education

Water bill messages

Working with schools:

anti-idling, environmental club, high school committee member

Energy Use Reduction

Lighting retrofit at the Library

Meetings with city employees and department heads:

Brock Heasley, Parks

Carol Coyle, Planning and grants

Anne Kantola, Library

Dave Simmonds, IT and building infrastructure

Erik McKormick, gGlf Course

UPCOMING

Energy audit & alternative energy

evaluation of city buildings – retrofit improvements (Library, etc)

Education

Coordination with schools

EAC website development

messages on water/sewer bill

Construction waste

Exploring alternatives to encourage and support diverting of construction wastes from landfill

Hazardous Waste

Education and collection programs

Green Landscaping

Community education and coordination with city departments, including Parks and Golf Course

Solar or Reduced Energy Street Lights

Explore demonstration project for solar and/or LED street lights

Water conservation

Education efforts

Noxious weed control

Supporting efforts by Parks Department & Golf Course, with goals of less toxicity improved effectiveness, hopefully resulting in cost savings

Air Quality

Exploring alternatives to waste burning (chipping, composting, recycling)

Education on effective wood-heating

Anti-Idling / Clean-Air zones at schools

Community Appearance

Support community environmental pride through beautification efforts such as litter control and recycling opportunities

LONG TERM

Pathways and Transit

Support efforts by other groups to improve alternative transportation options, especially in areas near schools.

Green building codes

Participating in efforts to revise building codes to encourage greener buildings and neighborhoods, including: building incentives, building square footage issues, removing restrictions on sustainability choices

Environmental Guidelines Document

Guide for city departments