



Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

October 15, 2016- 6p.m.
McCall Library
218 East Park Street, McCall, ID 83638



COMMITTEE MEETING – Began at 6:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL-** EAC members present were Morgan Zedalis, Sean Gould, Steve Goodall, Murray Dalgleish and guests Carol Coyle and Kurt Wolf.
 - Morgan Zedalis, Chair membership will expire in Jan. 2017. She would like to pass the opportunity on to another member.
 - **No Public Comment**
 - **Grant Opportunities-** Carol Coyle, City of McCall Grant Writer, gave a little background on her expertise, the committee's role to City Council (managed by committee, supported by Parks & Recreation Dept.) and well as her role with the City as a grant writer. Morgan expressed EAC primary challenge with funding the green brochure project and how the committee could gain funds. Carol explained the Parks & Recreation Dept. can accept funds from grants as a Recreation Donations and use the money to pay for the green brochure project. The process is to 1) seek grant opportunities and apply, 2) submit an agenda bill to council to explain what the money will be used for- presented by either Tara, Kurt or Carol, 3) approved by council and signed by Mayor, 4) money awarded to Rec. Dept. donation fund. Murray mentioned the Lightfoot Foundation and Carol said she would look into opportunities the City could apply for. Sean would like to include Noxious Weed information in brochure and make it a requirement for businesses to qualify for Green Business Certification. Kurt suggested working with City Communications Manager to help design brochure and advertise the Green Business Certification program.
 - **Noxious Weeds-** Kurt Wolf, Parks & Recreation Director, gave a brief history of City's Noxious Weed program, staff and their certifications, partnerships with county weed control, how it is currently managed in city limits and future ideas to make it a city ordinance (enforced by City). He urged the EAC to help his efforts by educating public through letters to council and local newspapers frequently, helping to update door hangers, helping to write & support a city ordinance to make official policy within city limits. Murray had suggested building and maintaining a strong relationship with school students and teachers to help educate public, keep insectary going and perhaps create manpower to help city enforce.
 - **Water Quality-** Kurt brought up issues with illegal dumping in lake North of Marina near Mill Park area. City continues to spend money hauling waste out of lake, and needs help to develop sight to discourage dumping. Sean mentioned the Northfork Tack has funds that could be used to help fund projects to prevent dumping. It was discussed that by developing area with buoy lines, game cameras and education may help situation.
 - **Air Quality-** Steve will present report to City Council at next meeting about the EAC air quality report and ask for their guidance of what the EAC's next step should be. He will mention the great success of the free debris dump days and how people have come to expect it; although the money to run the program will be running out this budget year. Ideas of new funding sources to keep the program going is a must. EAC discussed the idea of a city ordinance about open-burning on specific days- partnering with local fire dept. and forest service to check daily air quality. Murray mentioned Garden Valley will be removing their biomass plant and is looking to sell it for \$30,000; what is the possibility of moving the plant to Valley Co. Where could it be placed?
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- **Brain Storming Ideas for Future Meetings-**
 - Invite Paul Dijon to Dec. meeting (Tara will contact Lake Shore.) Check in with Lake Shore about curb-side recycling options.
 - Discuss City Councils stance of public to private lands conversions
 - Discuss City Councils stance in investing in carbon divestment funds
 - i. City's use and dependence on fossil fuels for city business
- **Next Meeting-** set for December 20, 6-8pm at the Library.
- **ADJOURNMENT-** 7:45pm

Morgan Zedalis, EAC Chair	Date	Tara Woods, Recreation Supervisor	Date
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