



Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

January 17, 2017- 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, Steve Goodall, Murray Dalgleish, Julie Thrower and Don Yarbrough.
- **Approval of Minutes-** Tara Woods left the December minutes at work; will bring them to February meeting for approval.
- **No Public Comment**

Old Business

- **Green Brochure-** The Parks & Recreation Dept. has agreed to pay the \$200 needed to have the decals and brochures printed, as well as run 2 advertisements in the Star News. The program still needs to get the brochure and decals approved by City Council- Feb. 9th meeting. The EAC would like to see the City's website updated with Green Business Brochure information and online application. As applications will be reviewed by EAC and voted on. The program will kick off in March 2017.
- **EAC Annual Report-** Morgan and Tara presented the annual report to City Council on January 12, 2017. The Council approached the noxious weed program and asked the EAC to work with the Parks Department to help update enforcement code to mirror counties codes and policies. The subject of open-burn policy, brought to the front by the EAC's air quality report, was addressed to Council by the City's Fire Chief. Chief Mark Billmire, reviewed the current policy, permit use and woody debris program.

New Business

- **Valley County Biomass Study-** Murray shared the results of the *Valley County Idaho Forest Products Campus Feasibility Study*, highlighting the executive summary and posting the full results of the study on EAC's google docs. The study was completed in November 2016, by WR Solutions Inc., based out of Oregon and close to a Biomass Plant in Wallowa. Murray reported there was representatives from the National Forest Service (Payette & Boise), Department of Lands, Valley County, Firewise and private citizens.

In essence, the report discussed transportation of local woody debris to a "sort-yard to recover higher value products from the supply"; helping to create jobs as well as dealing with the enormous supply of woody debris in Valley County and surrounding areas. Discussion of using county land 5 miles North of Cascade as a possible site. An investment of approximately 4.5 million dollars will be needed for start-up and capital costs.

EAC discussed supporting the idea, as well as talking with Commissioner Gordon Cruickshank about approaching Wilk's brothers as a possible funding source. Murray also talked about St. Luke's expansion plans to include a pellet-heating system, which would be at an advantage if the pellet were locally sourced.

- **City of McCall's Comp Plan-** Tara passed out McCall in Motion literature to members to start the conversation about how the EAC could support the plan, but also incorporate 'climate change comp plan' ideas into the current plan. Morgan started former EAC member Sean Gould has started a Climate Change Comp Plan draft and will have him place the document in EAC's google docs. Murray cautioned the EAC involvement in helping to form and implement policy, especially with the results of past pushes to ban plastic bags, raise minimum wages, etc. Baby steps as well as working with current plans for development with
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the City's Community Development Department. Tara said she would invite Michelle Groenevelt to a future EAC meeting to discuss in person the McCall in Motion plan, current stage and where EAC members might be the best help.

EAC also discussed the need to update and revise the City's Environmental Purchasing Plan as well as make it available to all department staff. Morgan recalled the department energy survey's from a few years back and discussed the opportunity to get buy-in from all City Departments in the Green Business Program.

- **Next Meeting-** set for February 14, 6-8pm at the Library.
- **ADJOURNMENT-** 7:50 pm

Steve Goodall, EAC Chair	Date	Tara Woods, Recreation Supervisor	Date
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