



City of Helena

## **Citizen Conservation Board**

Regular Board Meeting; June 13, 2019; 4:30 PM  
City-County Building Room 326

**Members Present:** Denise Roth Barber, Diana Hammer, Brian Fadie, Greg Ross, Sarah Norcott, Lisa Fairman, Richard Sloan, Patrick Judge, Ann Brodsky, Hannah Cail

**Others Present:** City Staff: Troy Sampson, Bridget Johnston

**Call to Order:** Hannah Cail called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

**Meeting Minutes:** Ann Brodsky moved to accept the minutes as amended, Lisa Fairman seconded. Motion passed.

### **Updates from City Staff:**

- a) Troy Sampson explained the Sustainability Coordinator position passed through the preliminary approval in the City budget. The position is listed under Community Facilities.
- b) Troy Sampson stated he has not heard anything about the public works director hiring process. He explained that Manager Cortez is re-organizing public works by creating a new department for transportation to include streets, vehicle maintenance, parking and code enforcement.

**ACTION ITEM:** Troy to research job descriptions, Ann to forward Missoula job descriptions to staff/board.

**Helena City Manager:** Tabled

### **Public Comment:**

- a. Shiloh Hernandez is the director of the Helena Sun Run. He explained the race is to raise funds and awareness for clean energy. The proceeds will purchase solar photovoltaic array for Central, Bryant and Jim Darcy schools. He asked board members to support the cause by participating in the race. He also asked for board support to advise the City to sponsor the event.

**ACTION ITEM:** Brian Fadie to write a letter in support addressed to the City Commission.

- b. Nelson Bock with the Helena Citizens' Climate Lobby introduced himself and explained that the CCL focuses on the passage of legislation for carbon fee and dividend policy.

**ACTION ITEM:** Add agenda item for July meeting for presentation from Citizens' Climate Lobby.

**Zero Waste Discussion:** Ann Brodsky talked about goals of Missoula by 2050 to reduce 90% of waste. Missoula also just adopted a 100% clean electricity bill by 2030 for City and County. Chase, the Missoula Sustainability Coordinator could make a presentation to the group in September. Diana Hammer stated that the majority of our waste is recyclable or compostable. Denise Roth-Barber suggested the group look into doing something for Earth Day 2020.

**ACTION ITEM:** Ann to contact Chase about presenting at the September meeting.

### **New Business:**

- a) Hannah Cail asked the members to think about how sub-committees can meet on a regular basis.

*Hannah Cail excused herself from the meeting, Brian Fadie took over as chair.*

- b) Lisa Fairman said she met with Erin Farris-Olsen regarding conservation. The Natural Resource Conservation Service may be a grant source for projects in a long range plan. She emphasized that it is time sensitive to get “recognized in the plan”.

**ACTION ITEM:** Lisa to check if the City is already recognized in the plan. Add to next month’s agenda.

- a) Richard Sloan stated we need to focus on basic conservation aims such as transportation; not just waste and electricity. Diana Hammer said that Transition Streets discussed transportation and public transit. There was some discussion about ways this group can help which included talk about electric vehicles and charging stations.

**Old Business:** Troy Sampson stated that the LED conversion that Northwestern Energy is in the middle of is at a halt for the historic style fixtures due to the proposed fixtures not meeting City of Helena ordinance. There are a few options. He announced that there will be a public meeting to gather public feedback regarding the fixtures for LED conversion on June 26 from 5pm-8pm at the Helena Civic Center. City staff and Northwestern Energy will be there with information and to answer questions.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.