



City of Helena

Helena Citizen Conservation Board

Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2018

City-County Building, Room 326, 4:30 PM

1. Attendees:

- Hannah Cail
- Patrick Judge
- Ken Knudson
- Sarah Norcott
- Greg Ross
- Denise Roth Barber
- Morgan Shimkus
- Richard Sloan

Resources: Alan Miller (City Manager's Office), Troy Sampson (Community Facilities), Bridget Johnston (Community Facilities).

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve passed.

3. Approval of Bylaws

Patrick Judge moved approval of bylaws as amended. Richard Sloan mentioned powers and duties, section B, regarding a clean energy economy and stated that nothing specifies what this means. What do we as a group think is a clean energy economy?

Patrick Judge said the bylaws should be a broad statement like a constitution. Sarah Norcott said she would tend to agree; not defining it here would give us the flexibility to change it later. Richard Sloan was concerned that they should commit as a board as to what the definition is. Ken Knudson said the term may come from the Paris Accords. Richard Sloan said he just wanted to raise the issue. Committee consensus was to leave the language as is.

Denise called for question. Denise had a procedural question about who can stop discussion; Chair Hannah Hail said chair can allow continued discussion. Motion for the question passed. Motion to adopt bylaws passed.

There was discussion of the purpose statement. Consensus was to discuss the purpose statement at the next meeting.

4. Discussion of survey results

Denise Roth Barber's survey on interests and Hannah Hail's follow up survey on sub-committee/working group interests

Hannah Hail mentioned that her survey was a second survey. Denise Roth Barber's was just a getting-to-know-you survey. The follow up survey was part two, and it worked nicely. There were seven results, and she does not know who responded. All want to be on the energy committee.

There was discussion and general consensus about:

- 1) Being spread too thin if there were too many subcommittees and limiting the number of subcommittees to two, one for energy and one for other subjects;
- 2) The time for subcommittees and committees to meet and how members would be chosen (regular meeting will be first, then members will break into concurrent subcommittees);
- 3) Sending another survey about who wants to be on which two committees;
- 4) Whether the committee could work directly with city departments (consensus was that this would be outside the direction of committee, but committee could make a proposal to City Commission).

Troy Sampson discussed ICLEI; Patrick Judge noted that it is an organization that works with communities, and that provides specific recommendations for cities to advance sustainability. ICLEI has information that is a tremendous resource for communities, according to Denise Roth Barber. Raw data can be entered in the software program through ICLEI. Patrick Judge was not certain whether other information is proprietary or not.

At the next meeting, members will have the information on who is on what committee. In October the plan is to have a short meeting and then break up into concurrent subcommittees. There may be some discussion that takes up more than a short time. Immediately after the short meeting they will break into subcommittees. Denise Roth Barber recommended that all members spend time on the ICLEI survey and familiarize themselves with what is there. Patrick Judge moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

5. Public Comment

No public comments.

6. Adjourned at 5:23 pm