

**City of Helena**  
**Citizens Conservation Board**  
**December 4, 2023 – 4:30-6:00 PM**

**Zoom Online Meeting:**

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**County Building, Room 426**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**(02:40:00)** The following responded present, either via zoom or in person:

Diana Hammer	Miranda Griffis
Mark Juedeman	Leea Anderson
Jason Selong	
Devon Malizia	
Nora Paige McFadden	
Ann (public)	

The following members were absent: Lori FitzGerald, Secretary  
Dick Sloan

Mark announced that he had registered for the Montana Organic Association Meeting Thur-Sat but was unable to go, and offered his spot to any other CCB member who might be interested

**Minutes**

Meeting Date: November 16, 2023

Minutes not yet available for review

**Public Comment**

**(05:10)** Ann stated she was interested in climate change. Diana explained the reason for the special meeting

**Special Meeting Items**

**(06:28)** Diana asked the group for reactions to the survey (6 individuals took the survey and it was agreed the image of results was helpful and showed agreement in priorities)

Devon shared concerns with focusing on schools, due to big vote coming up in May regarding a new high school and other school closures.

**(13:45)** Diana reviewed Lori's emailed comments from the survey for discussion. Group was in agreement regarding battery powered lawnmowers, leaf blowers and snow movers. Mark agreed that if electric buses were suggested, financial aspects would need to be considered. It was noted that dropping off bagged grass clippings costs the city money, and that there are many educational opportunities regarding recycling and that landfill that need to be promoted.

**(16:51-01:13:00).** The group went through each idea with the following receiving the most discussion and interest for the annual report and the state grant.

#1 Green electricity

#2 Water and Energy

#3 Energy upgrades to buildings

#4 Transportation options

#5 Full time sustainability coordinator (with stepwise goal to create GreenTeam)

The city's goal to achieve clean electricity by 2025 is coming very fast and action is needed now to get there. We need more renewable energy available, and at the same time need to reduce consumption.

The group agreed we need to select those items to the Commission that they can provide support for, and take action upon. It would also be helpful if some were already in process and supported. Jason suggested having the opportunity to re-rank these 5 options before the next CCB meeting 12/14.

**(01:13:40).** Diana noted that this group has a very tight window to get the annual report created by Jan 10. It was also hopeful to get on the Commission agenda for some to be presented and supported for the PCAP deadline of Jan 5, but that is not realistic with the holidays, illness and competing priorities.

**(01:19:31).** Leea offered that any recommendations that the City is considering submitting for PCAP funding are required to significantly reduce greenhouse gasses. Their directors will be meeting on 12/7 to decide on projects. Diana requested that a summary of these city projects be provided to the CCB at its next meeting, so determination could be made if they are in line with what the CCB identified.

### **Member Communications/Proposals for Next Agenda**

**(01:27:04)** Next regular meeting is December 14, 2023

Diana will redo the Google poll for re-ranking the top 5 priorities. She will also request that members highlight why they ranked the way they did.

Mark and Diana will work on a format for the annual report and for the state grant monies request

## **Public Communications**

**(01:29:20)** Ann thanked the group for their efforts, and had one question about transport. She wondered if the City had any incentives for reducing cars on the road for city employees (like free tennis shoes for walking to work). Leea said no but liked the suggestion. Ann also is a proponent of kids taking the bus to school, versus all parents driving them

## **Announcements**

**(01:33:51)** Diana asked Miranda how the Sustainability Audit went. She reported the group was very well informed and it went smoothly, and they provided lots of good information. Report to be expected in March.

## **Adjournment**

**(01:35:18)** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 06:05 pm.

