



City of Helena

Citizens Conservation Board
March 14, 2024 – 4:30-6:00 PM

[Zoom Online Meeting Link](#)

City/County Building, Room 309

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes 2/14/24 Meeting
3. Public Comment
4. Updates from City Staff
5. Officer's Report
6. Unfinished Business
 - I. Appointment of interim officers and plan for officer elections
 - II. Revision of CCB Presentation to City Commission
 - III. CCB Strategic Plan 2024 Discussion
7. New Business
8. Member Communications/Proposals for Next Agenda
9. Public Communications
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment



Meeting Minutes Draft

City of Helena

Citizens Conservation Board

February 8, 2024 – 4:30-6:00 PM Zoom

Online Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451234567>

County Building, Room 426

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members Present by zoom or in person:

Betsy Adams
Peter Dudley
Devon Malizia
Brian Murphy
Jason Selong

Members Absent:

Richard Sloan
Robert Jones
Mark Juedeman
Nora-Paige McFadden

2. Introduction of New Members

Current members and staff welcomed new members B. Adams, B. Murphy, and P. Dudley

3. Approval of Minutes 1/14/24 Meeting

??? Made motion to approve 1/14/24 minutes with no changes. ??? seconded motion.
Passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment -none noted

5. Updates from City Staff

Miranda explained compost and food waste grant city received to examine feasibility of composting waste \$? grant.

Leea explained fee structure for public electric vehicle charging stations at Bill Robert's golf course and Jackson St. garage. Fees to cover costs of units during planned life and electricity



costs of charging. A time and electricity charge structure used to prevent vehicles from prolonged parking without charging.

6. Officer's Report

No current elected officers on the board pending appointment of interim officers and plan for elections

7. Unfinished Business

Appointment of interim officers and plan for officer elections

Motion to table discussion of interim and officer elections until March made by Brian and seconded by Betsy. Passed unanimously.

CCB Presentation to City Commission

Not scheduled by city, possibly 2/26 or 3/6. Motion to appoint alternate speaker of Jason Selong if Mark unavailable made by Brian and seconded by Betsy. Passed unanimously

CCB Strategic Plan 2024 Discussion

Discussion on this document and future preparation of strategic plan and presentations to city commission. Historically has been a comprehensive document including all things CCB is monitoring and recommends promoting. Should be regular agenda item during the year to prepare future plans and presentations.

Designation of replacement on the City's Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan Committee starting in March

Betsy Adams agreed to serve as designated replacement for Richard Sloan

8. New Business -none noted

9. Member Communications/Proposals for Next Agenda

Appointment of interim officers and plan for officer elections
CCB presentation to city commission/report on presentation
Review and Questions on CCB strategic plan

10. Public Communications -none noted

11. Announcements -Next CCB meeting 3/14/24

12. Adjournment -when?

CITIZEN CONSERVATION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT TO THE HELENA CITY COMMISSION





Basic Overview

CCB will fulfill its obligations by issuing to the City Commission a report. The report will include:

- The state of current sustainability measures undertaken by the City of Helena, and;
- Identify 3-5 specific sustainability measures for the City Commission to review and provide guidance to the City Manager on as priorities for the coming annum.

State of Current Sustainability Measures Undertaken by the City of Helena



CLEAN ELECTRICITY:

GOAL: Resolution 20592 set forth the goal for the City of Helena "to take the necessary steps, within its control, to power the community with 100% clean, renewable electricity by 2030" including an interim goal of 80% by 2025.

STATUS: In 2023 NorthWestern Energy stated that the "electricity supply mix for our Montana customers includes nearly 70% clean energy."



WASTE REDUCTION:

GOAL: Resolution 20643 called for the development of a Strategic Plan for Waste Reduction and set forth a solid waste diversion goal of 50% by 2040, with an interim goal of 35% by 2030.

STATUS: In 2022 the Strategic Plan for Waste Reduction was completed and identified that the City's current diversion rate is approximately 26%.



WATER CONSERVATION:

GOAL: The 2009 Climate Action plan gave the City a goal to reduce gallons, per capita, per day demand from 175 in 2005 to 100 in 2025.

STATUS: The 2022 Sustainability Report transitioned the City to calculating gallons, per capita, per day use (instead of demand) based on residential meters to get a more accurate measurement of household water use. This showed that the average residential water use per person per day was 81-90 gallons.

CCB Recommendations

Prioritization of the following sustainability actions for FY2025:

- Energy Conservation and Efficiency
- Green Electricity
- Transportation
- Water Conservation



Energy Conservation and Efficiency

Recommendation:

Amending Resolution 20218, which established a Residential Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Loan Program, to specifically include air sourced heat pumps.

“Section 2: Loans to residential property owners may only be used to purchase and install energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy systems including, but not limited to, solar photovoltaic systems, wind turbines, geothermal, **air source**, and ground source heating systems, grey water systems, and solar water heating systems.”



Green Electricity

Recommendation:

Continue to support the Residential Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Loan Program, established by Resolution 20218, with additional funds in FY2025.



Transportation

Recommendation:

Support mode shifts towards walking and biking by denying variance requests to not put sidewalks and boulevards in and continue funding for ADA compliant ramps on sidewalks.



Water Conservation

Recommendation:

Create a resolution adopting Lush and Lean Landscaping Practices for municipal properties to include drought-resistant native and xeriscape planting strategies.

THANK YOU!

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to and serve our community.