

Climate Action Plan Committee

Meeting #7, May 31, 2017 – DRAFT subject to committee review and approval

Committee Members and City Staff Attending: Jeff Arcel, Richard Hildner, Mike Koopal, Robin Kelson, Karin Hilding, Rachel Sussman, Ryan Richardson, Sierra McCartney, Jodi Petlin, Ryder Delaloye (school district liaison)

Members of Public Attending: Steve Thompson (chair of Climate Smart Glacier Country)

1. Call to Order.
2. Approve Minutes – The committee approved the minutes for the May 16 meeting.
3. Overview of Vehicle Fleet – Rachel went over the city's emissions from its vehicle fleet for 2016.

Vehicles are used by the public works, police, fire, parks and planning departments. In 2016, the city spent \$87,767 on fuel, which emitted 374.7 metric tons of carbon dioxide. This was 20 percent of the city's total emissions.

The committee discussed:

- An inventory of city vehicles and information on miles per gallon for each would be helpful.
- An eco driving training program similar to Missoula's.
- Purchasing an electric vehicle for administrative use.
- Fuel efficiency of replacement vehicles that are in the upcoming city budget. Richard will ask during the budget meeting.
- The Green Mobility Group Purchasing program. Rachel received an email about this program to do group purchasing of equipment to retrofit vehicles to improve fuel efficiency.
- Possible standards for the city fleet. For example, the fleet overall must average a certain number of miles per gallon.
- Holding a tire pressure check day where people could stop and volunteers would check their tire pressure. Keeping tires inflated improves gas mileage.
- Include information on public transportation to Glacier National Park in the plan.
- Developing an app that tracks the location of public transportation (Eagle Transit, bus to Glacier, etc.). Or integrate the location information with Google maps.
- Include a side bar on the Snow Bus in the plan.
- Include information about bike and pedestrian routes.

4. Sample Chapter Template – Rachel, Nancy, Sierra

Sierra explained some of the ideas behind the template she is developing.

The committee should choose a color scheme for the document. Sierra will send options to committee members to review.

The committee likes the idea of including pictures of people, especially well-known community members, and their stories.

5. Update on Solar Array – Karin broached the idea of using a solar array to power the city's new wastewater treatment plant with Flathead Electric Coop. They are willing to explore the idea.

6. June 14 Public Meeting

Karin will organize a meeting with a few committee members to plan the open house. Kate McMahon, Jeff Arcel, Steve Thompson, and Rachel Sussman will attend. Richard encourages the organizing group to assign tasks for the open house to other committee members.

Steve wrote a draft press release and will send it to committee members for input.

7. Table of Contents

The committee reviewed a draft table of contents developed by Ryder. It is similar to the TOC updated by Rachel, but adds a section on education and behavior.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The next meeting of the committee is June 28 from 5-7 p.m. at the new city hall. Items for discussion include setting a goal for emissions reductions and forming small groups to work on chapters.