

MELROSE ENERGY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes September 26, 2019

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Thursday, September 26, 2019 7:15

Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: David Bliss Susan Baron, June Cuttino Doug Dick, Jeff Doody, Kristie Heiman, Gary Lamothe, Susan Murphy Alanna Nelson, Sunil Sainis, Barbara Simko Martha Grover, Lori Timmermann

Secretary: Susan Baron

Welcome and introductions

Meeting Minutes: **Motion to approve June 2019 meeting minutes- So moved**

Victorian Fair Review (Kristi, Alanna)

This went quite well. However, suggestions for next year:

- Want to have an August meeting so we can plan the Victorian Fair.
- **Motion to reinstate the August meeting- So moved.**
- Have photo booth
- Booths were all on East Foster Street and some people did not go down this street. Would like to suggest a different location or signage for the booths and the EV cars
- Do not give out paper – have people take photo of literature
- Booths were crowded with staff. Make display more accessible and visible.

What is our next outreach venture? Get listing of accomplishments

- Each committee should submit a few lines about what they have accomplished before October 3rd for October 8th Climate Change meeting
- Send this to Kristi and Alanna

New Member: Motion to make Sunil a MEC board member – So moved.

Big Roof Solar Update (Jeff)

- Melrose Highland Church is still waiting for solar panels to be turned on.
- Would like to have celebration when this goes live.
- First Baptist is preparing for rooftop solar. Going to historic district meeting about this.
- Green Street also going with solar
- First Baptist would like steps and possible time line.
- Jeff will organize meeting to write steps for installing solar and possible timetable. This will be taken from installations that have taken place.
 - We will then Invite National Grid to review the steps we see needed to install solar panels. This will include experience with post panel installation billing
 - This will inform future installation and show how this is impacting the solar user organization.

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- Met with Melrose Housing authority. Need to keep costs down.
 - May want to suggest some financial suggestions.

Climate Action Plan Update (Rodney)

Will meet Tuesday October 8th

Thirty Day Climate Challenge (Susan Murphy)

- Want to use Social media hashtags put out challenge
- Want to propose we do a 30 days challenge
- This will be a community post
- Susan would like this linked to put MEC page
 - Will need to identify and development **webpress** resource.
 - Dianna has small time to put something on our site.
 - Once there is area on the site, this can be linked.
 - Susan Murphy would like to solidify content in October
 - May want see if we can get high school participants

Sustainable Book Group suggestion: Would like to start a group to be started, but they need someone to drive this. David will contact the person at UU to let library know about books.

Green Community Grant award (Martha)

We have been given \$219,000 for green community award. We will do school upgrade work with this grant. Martha will be proposing projects to Aldermen.

Melrose Towers – Working on Solar panels. Also working with Abode and Rise Energy with proposals and do upgrade work. Rise to give 50% off on minisplits

Climate Action Group - one thing MAPC is recommending is have community understanding and setting up focus groups. First step is to train focus group trainers. Need to connect with more people. Get more feedback

EV Task Force October Meeting (Martha)

Want to create an EV task force. This will be to find out how EV can be integrated into community by tapping into lived experience of EV owners.

Capital Improvement Committe; (Martha)

Melrose is are in midst of capital improvement project evaluation. Each department is letting committee know about these. There are 66 proposed projects, These are ranked and give to mayor with list of priorities.

Other Items:

Offer from a new Net Zero building around Washington Street being built. Archteck (Jay) will let Martha know about this.

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Passed around a flyer into thye 100% electiricy for renewables for the cost of 2.5 pumpkin latte

Gary went to series of workshop USGSA – heat pumps at Bentley.

Next MEC meeting: Thursday, October 24, Cassidy Conf Room, City Hall

Future events of interest:

October 8th Zero Waste Plastic Movie at the Beebe

October 8th Climate Action Group - Second Tuesday of the Month Beebe.

Motion to adjourn – So moved 9:02

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