

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

February 1, 2012

9:15-11:00 am

140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (acting chair), Adam Hertz, Bob Jaffe, Dick Haines, and Ed Childers, and Jon Wilkins

Members Absent: Mike O'Herron, Caitlin Copple, Cynthia Wolken, Dave Strohmaier (chair)

Others Present:

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes. None to approve

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. **[Discussion Date: 02/01/12]** Appoint two members to serve on the Greenhouse Gas & Energy Conservation Team for the term beginning immediately and ending on July 31, 2014. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Kelly Elam) (Referred to committee: 01/23/12) **(REMOVE FROM AGENDA)**

MOTION: The committee recommends Council appoint Aaron Hanson and Amy Cilimburg to serve on the Greenhouse Gas and Energy Conservation Team for the term beginning immediately and ending on July 31, 2014.

There are two vacant positions for an 'Alternate 1" and an "Alternate 2" on the Greenhouse Gas Energy and Conservation team. There were five applications received and four applicants were interviewed. [Colin Lane](#) – was not able to attend the meeting.

[Jill Albin](#) - moved here in 2004 and personally values the natural resources and the benefits we derive from those resources. She wants to work on energy conservation measures that benefit people and wildlife. She is interested in looking at how the City makes decisions regarding water and energy, not only for energy conservation but from economic point of view. Professionally Jill has served as the project lead for the recent ClimateWise process, which brought together nearly 100 community members for a two-day workshop on climate adaptation strategies in Missoula County. She also oversaw the consequent writing of the ClimateWise report as well as the creation of an interactive website designed to showcase the conversations and strategies for action that came out of the two-day workshop. She is also a member of the City of Missoula's Climate Action Task Force, charged with creating a Conservation and Climate Action Plan for Municipal Operations at the City of Missoula. She also participated in two national-level groups that showcase climate adaptation and mitigation efforts across the country.

The relationship between water and energy is an important issue to Jill and in looking at budgets and decisions what benefits can derive from these resources. It will involve prioritizing actions, and involving the community. There is urgency in climate change due to increased urbanization and populations. Climate change is another layer that can increase issues, not only for climate but issues related to agriculture and recreation which are depending upon clean water.

Bob –as a member of Mayor's task force can you explain the relationship between the two committees?

Jill – The Mayor's committee is drafting and writing the climate action plan for the operations of the City. This plan will be presented to the GGECT, possibly May. The strategies then will be reviewed by the GGECT and finally Council.

[Amy Cilimburg](#) – professionally has been focused on energy conservation at the federal level. She is interested in bring her experience and interest to work locally. She is also working on the City's Climate Action Plan, which will be brought to the GGECT and she would then like to continue to work with the plan. She has the lead on the group related to internal policies and practices to reduce energy use and energy bills. Having a GGEC Plan is a great way to strategically look at ways to save energy, reduce energy, and save tax payers money. It may involve short term efforts as well as investments in long term solutions. The GGECT is to make sure the plan moves forward.

As a trained scientist she feels there is a level of urgency related to climate change and the challenge is made more difficult and expensive the longer we wait to take action.

Aaron Hanson – said he was asked to apply by Julie Kries from DNRC who felt this committee could use his type of expertise. He feels he will bring a unique perspective to the committee. He works with a family owned business (Axmen Energy) and wants to be involved with Missoula. Having a GGECT Plan provides the community with leadership which should be forward thinking and take a long term view of the community. The more practical the plan makes it more durable and takes out the emotion. His background is in technology and alternative energy, he likes efficient, and doing what is possible. Regardless of politics, there is potential for energy conservation and he would like to be involved on this committee and help the City understand what can be done from an efficiency standpoint.

Seth Swanson - is the new County Extension Horticulturist and is interested in helping the community with recycling and composting. He thinks the plan outlines the goals and the team provides the mechanism for achievement of those goals specific to the City. Again he would advocate for a city wide composting program as each household produces a certain amount of household and yard waste. This can be turned into bio fuel or a finished compost product. He would also like to see more bike programs.

After limited discussion it was move to recommend Aaron Hanson and Amy Cilimburg be appointed to the GGECT Team. All members voted in favor of the motion.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

HELD IN COMMITTEE

1. Discuss the city's strategy to complete a boundary survey of Greenough Park. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 04/04/2011)
2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the agreement with Territorial Landworks, Inc. (TLI) in an amount not to exceed \$136,702.37 for professional services, including engineering, surveying, and construction management for Project #PR 08-02 GCT, Grant Creek Trail, CTEP #STPE 8199(105). ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Shaw) (Referred to committee: 10/24/11)

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.