



Citizen Conservation Board

Regular Board Meeting; April 11, 2019; 4:30 PM
City-County Building Room 326

Members Present: Denise Roth-Barber, Diana Hammer, Ken Knudson, Richard Sloan, Patrick Judge, Ann Brodsky, Hannah Cail

Others Present: City Staff: Troy Sampson, Bridget Johnston

Call to Order: Board Chair Hannah Cail, called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

Recycling/City of Helena Solid Waste: Troy Sampson introduced City of Helena Public Works Director Randall Camp, City of Helena Solid Waste Supervisor Pete Anderson, Lewis and Clark County Assistant Public Works Director Audra Zacherl and John Hilton with Helena Recycling. Randall Camp gave a report on the current recycling of plastics and passed out a diversion chart and costs of recycling (attached). He asked the board what they want to do with plastics. The board, staff and guests had a lengthy discussion. Randall Camp presented two options to the board; 1) continue plastics recycling at the Transfer Station as is or 2) suspend plastics recycling at the Transfer Station until commodity price recovers. Denise Roth-Barber motioned to recommend option 1 amended to state “continue plastics recycling at the transfer station”. Patrick Judge seconded, motion passed. Ken Knudson abstained.

Sustainability and Conservation Coordinator Position Update: Troy Sampson reported the position is still in the budget process. Ann Brodsky said she received an email from a Commissioner that a shared position between City and County is being looked at. Ann motioned for herself to draft a letter to the County Commission giving the board’s recommendation and support for a shared full time position, after discussion Denise Roth-Barber seconded the motion as amended to include the City Commission. Motion Passed.

ACTION ITEM: Ann Brodsky to draft a letter to the City and County Commissions and send to Hannah.

Meeting Minutes: Diana Hammer asked to add her request to have a representative from the City Water department at the April meeting. Patrick Judge moved to accept the minutes as amended, Diana Hammer seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Energy Committee: Patrick Judge asked about LED lighting. Troy said he would check back with Howard.

ACTION ITEM: Troy Sampson to check with Howard at Northwestern Energy regarding LED light status.

- b. Water Committee: none
- c. Transportation, Waste, Recycling, Public-Private Partnerships: none.

Transition Streets: Diana Hammer reported that she had a meeting. She had 27 people signed up from the flyers she distributed and 23 attended the meeting. There are a series of meetings scheduled. She is hoping after the pilot is completed the program can be launched on a larger scale. She noted she received the \$2,000 mini grant.

ACTION ITEM: Add Transition Streets as an agenda item next month.

Public Comment: none

New Business: There was some discussion about how agenda items are set. Hannah stated that she sets the agenda and reviewed the procedure in place.

Adjourn: Richard Sloan motioned to adjourn, Ken Knudson seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Johnston