

# **Helena Citizen Conservation Board**

## **Energy Committee**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 5:30 PM**

**City-County Building, Room 426**

#### **1. Introductions and Committee Members in Attendance:**

- Ann Brodsky (stopped by to indicate an interest in buildings-related issues)
- Brian Fadie
- Kathy Juedeman
- Patrick Judge
- Morgan Shimkus

#### **2. Selection of Chair**

- Pat volunteered to be chair, Brian seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. 2009 Climate Action Plan - status report**

- The group quickly reviewed the status report spreadsheet, and agreed to advocate to the commission that quick progress be made in key areas (especially for measures that have a quick pay-back or need inclusion in the FY2020 budget -- savings from those measures could help fund a Sustainability Manager).
- The group will continue to review the 2009 recommendations to prioritize those measures.

#### **4. Workplan**

- 2017 City Government Energy Use Analysis & GHG Inventory - Year End 2018
- 2017 Community Energy Use Analysis & GHG Inventory - YE 2018 (if possible)
- ICLEI Review of 2009 Plan - Spring 2018

#### **5. Identify committee member interest areas**

- Brian would like Helena to adopt a "100% Clean Energy Commitment" for the city, following the lead of many other cities, but perhaps becoming the first in Montana to officially do so (Missoula, Bozeman, Whitefish, Red Lodge, and Great Falls are all moving in that direction). Typically, municipal governments and/or broader communities strive to reach this type of goal by the year 2035 or so. Interim benchmark goals are also possible. See:  
<https://www.missoulaclimate.org/100-percent.html>

- Kathy brought the group's attention to the cost-effective nature of solar and wind, as analyzed by a recent county-by-county study:  
<https://news.utexas.edu/2018/10/25/energy-institute-full-cost-of-electricity-study/>
- Brian concurred, and noted Montana public opinion polls that show 87% support for wind, 90% support for solar, and 95% support for energy efficiency. He further noted the success of many clean energy initiative and candidates in this week's election, as well as action by the California legislature/governor to commit to 100% clean energy for the state by 2045.

**6. Tasks for the interim (to be worked on before the December 13 meeting)**

- Pat will continue working on the ICLEI inventories, with help from Morgan, David LeMieux (DEQ), and others.
- Brian will continue to research the 100% Clean City movement.
- Morgan and Kathy will study up on the 2009 plan, and start prioritizing un-met recommendations.

**7. Other announcements / discussion / public comment -- none**

**8. Adjourn -- 6:07 pm**