

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

July 27, 2011
11:00–11:30 am
140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (chair), Bob Jaffe, Renee Mitchell, Dave Strohmaier, Dick Haines, Cynthia Wolken, and Lyn Hellegaard

Members Absent: Pam Walzer, Stacy Rye, Ed Childers, Jon Wilkins

Others Present: Ben Schmidt, Patrick Maloney

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of [July 20, 2011](#) were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

V. Appoint three members to serve on the Greenhouse Gas & Energy Conservation Team for the terms beginning August 1, 2011 and ending on July 31, 2014. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Kelly Elam) (Referred to committee: 07/18/11) [Questions](#) (**HELD IN COMMITTEE – INTERVIEWS CONTINUE ON AUGUST 3, 2011**)

There are three positions that the terms expire on July 31, 2011 on the Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team. The positions include Transportation Sector, Building Sector and the City/County Government representative. There were four applications received with three applicants reapplying for the next term. One applicant, Mr. Maloney is new and did apply for all three positions.

Patrick Maloney – is a lifelong environmentalist who would like to implement some of the changes that need to be done and wants to be part of the solution. The Greenhouse Gas Plan spells out and helps develops a road map for accomplishing goals. Although Mr. Maloney does not have any professional expertise he has done extensive research on environmental issues. He feels there is more work to be done with a recycling program in order to move from a single stream program. He would be willing to look into a program, write grants to move pass a 30% goal for recycling. He deals with conflict by maintaining a level head and working through the process. In dealing with others who do not share the same ideals, he would lead by example or approach from a different standpoint relating to economics, political or personal benefits.

Ben Schmidt – is the current chair of the GGECT and his primary Interest is to continue to work on this project that started in the 1990's. The tasks have changed and the focus now is developing a city climate action plan. The first benefit of the Greenhouse gas plan is tracking where you have been and pointing to where you are going. It has established goals which make it easier for others to participate with the plan.

Mr. Schmidt has a degree in environmental studies, has been a part of GGECT and helped with writing the original community action plan. He currently works with the County as an air quality specialist. The committee is in a state of flux at this point and it will be important to define their role in the next six months. The volunteers continue to find ways to do educational programs, and to communicate to Council. It could be beneficial to have the GGECT review development plans.

Mr. Schmidt feels the issues related to climate change are more urgent than it was ten years ago. Fossil fuels are finite and we need to find ways to solve problems related to greenhouse gas emissions. Although everyone might not agree on the issues there are ways to find common grounds.

There will be two more candidates interviewed at the next meeting, August 3, 2011. After the interviews the committee will make their recommendations.

HELD ITEMS

1. Update from Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Ben Schmidt and Marilyn Marler) (Referred to committee: 04/11/11)

2. Discuss the city's strategy to complete a boundary survey of Greenough Park. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Dave Strohmaier) (Referred to committee: 04/04/11)
3. A resolution that authorizes expending up to \$13,840 of 2006 Open Space Bond funds for a conservation easement on a 160 acre parcel in LaValle Creek Valley. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Jackie Corday) (Referred to committee: 07/11/11)**REMOVE FROM AGENDA**
4. Award contract for design, procurement and installation of park pavilion and concrete pad in Maloney Ranch Park Project 11- 07MRP. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Alan White) (Referred to committee: 07/18/11)
5. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with MRP for procurement and transfer of wood waste to support the Missoula Sawmill Site Wood Waste Reclamation Project, per the DNRC Wood Waste Grant awarded the City of Missoula. ([memo](#))—Regular Agenda (Alan White) (Referred to committee: 06/27/11)