

## **Missoula City Council Climate, Conservation and Parks Committee Minutes**

**October 12, 2022**

**9:40 AM**

**Council Chambers (in person) or TEAMS (virtually)**

**Attend in person: City Council Chambers, 140 W Pine, Missoula MT**

**Members present:** Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

**Others present:** Staff Present: Corena Maurer, Haley Erickson, Jim Nugent, Evora Glenn, Claire Trimble  
Others Present: Caroline Bean

### **1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **1.1 Roll Call**

#### **1.2 Approval of the Minutes from September 21, 2022**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Inflation Reduction Act Overview**

Evora Glenn introduced herself and Caroline Bean.

Caroline presented the Inflation Reduction Act presentation.

Caroline discussed electrification and efficiency tax deductions.

Amber Sherrill asked for clarification on new vs. existing buildings.

Mirtha Becerra asked for examples of what is included for home improvement equipment.

Caroline discussed different equipment that qualifies for deductions.

Kristen Jordan asked about incentives for low income citizens.

Caroline spoke about the High Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEEHRA) and when the project will be available to households.

Jordan asked about AMI and qualifying for the rebates.

Caroline stated the program will not be retroactive.

Gwen Jones asked about the specific agency who would be managing the program.

Caroline discussed a possible pilot project.

Evora discussed renewable energy tax credits and options for bonus tax credits.

Amber Sherrill asked if this program would include the Federal Building.

Evora shared information on electric vehicle tax credits.

Gwen Jones asked for clarification on what a commercial vehicle would be defined as.

Caroline spoke about climate resiliency with agriculture, forests and our built environment.

Evora discussed the various funding programs and the agency's who manage the programs.

Amber Sherrill asked for an example about methane use and funding for electric vehicle charging stations.

Caroline discussed how Electric Vehicle charging stations will be installed.

Amber Sherrill asked about Hybrid Vehicles.

Heidi West asked about recycling of electric vehicles. Caroline and Evora discussed recycling programs.

Daniel Carlino asked about the number of public lands and waters that will be made available for gas and oil leases.

Caroline gave more background on that area of the plan.

Mirtha Becerra asked for more clarification on drought relief and if the Grant Creek Restoration and the Poplar Farm would qualify.

Evora discussed what projects would fall under drought relief.

None – Informational item

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31am.

Submitted by: Corena Maurer

City of Missoula Parks & Recreation