

Missoula City Council Public Safety, Health and Operations Committee Minutes

March 1, 2023

11:25 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, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

Approved as submitted

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Appointment to the Tourism Business Improvement District

Mayor Jordan Hess, in his absence, asked the City Council to approve the appointment of Daniel Monahan to the Tourism business Improvement District.

Moved by: Mike Nugent

Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Monahan to the Tourism Business Improvement District for a term beginning immediately and expiring on December 1, 2026.

AYES: (12): Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Sierra Farmer, Gwen Jones, Kristen Jordan, Mike Nugent, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill, Sandra Vasecka, and Heidi West

Vote results: Approved (12 to 0)

3.2 Food Policy Board Update

Heidi West-This is a new board that is a joint city-council board that has been tasked to work on food-related issues.

Claire Battaglia, Vice Chair of Missoula Food Advisory Board, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2022 Rapid Community Food Assessment and the findings. This was a survey out to the community to gather feedback and increase visibility of the board. She shared some of the results including affordability, availability and access; opportunity

to process food locally; food waste and recycling; quality and affordability of school meals; and another broad theme to include opportunities for education, resources and sharing. Moving forward, they would like to create public-facing online home for MFPAB to educate and serve as a centralize resource for food system information.

Stacie Anderson asked about follow-up and education. What are the next steps? Claire said they have been talking with the county to see if they could create a mini food policy board website that would be an educational resource. They have a large network of partners to reach out to to get information to.

Amber Sherrill asked her to talk about the response rate in the outreach program. She wants to know how representative this is of the population of people who are on assistance. They do not know how many people are getting the emails.

Amber Sherrill asked about composting and what they are doing to get information out about how important it is. They have done expansive and targeted education on composting.

Heidi West asked Claire about the meat processing round table next week. Claire said they have been working with a student at the University of Montana spearheading understanding the need for a local processing facility. The meeting is on March 13th.

Mirtha Bicerra asked about the food bank being a collaborating site and if the get information from Missoula Aging Services as well. Claire said they were involved and they collected paper copies.

Discussion only

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned.