



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Environmental Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

October 18, 2023

Time of Meeting

5:15 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Commissioner Wollman brought the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Christina Wollman, Jean Marie Linhart, Andrea Sledge, Kristine Steinkoenig, Jess Black, Aaron Peterson

Members Absent: Jean Marie Linhart

Also present: Dan Carlson-Community Development Director; Laura Wilson-Planner; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician, Nancy Goodloe-DEI Commissioner; Amber Hoefer-DEI Commissioner; Adam Winn-City Council Liaison; Aaron Balagot-Mid-Columbia Fisheries; Megan Rivard-Pacific Education Institute

Commissioner Wollman motioned to excuse Jean Marie Linhart from the 10/18/23 meeting. Motion passed 6-0

2. Approval of Agenda

No change to agenda

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A July 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sledge motioned to approve the July 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Citizen Comment

Megan Rivard from Pacific Education Institute explained their non-profit organization and a combined effort on behalf of Ellensburg School District, the Ida Nason-Aronica school has started a pocket forest. There will be a presentation this Friday to show the thousands of plants in honor of Ida Nason-Aronica. Commissioner Sledge plans to attend.

5. New Business

5.A Mid Columbia Fisheries 2024 Water Quality Grant

Aaron Balagot of Mid-Columbia Fisheries gave a presentation on the Mid-Columbia 2024 Water Quality Grant application. He explained that there are currently 11 groups in the adopt-a-stream program of varying stream lengths to total 5.4

miles and they hope to get four more groups on board. There are fall and spring cleanups of weeds and brush along the streams. The organization provides tools and refreshments during the cleanups. Balagot discussed the goals of having more events, education, inclusiveness, and expansion. Balagot discussed in-kind donations. Wollman motioned to approve the 2024 Water Quality Grant application of \$10,000 to Mid-Columbia Fisheries as indicated in the application. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Bicycle Advisory

No update

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

Harlin reminded the group that the IOOF is accepting bicycles to fix and give to FISH Food Bank to give away.

The Commission will be reviewing the results of the public survey regarding sustainability in an upcoming meeting.

The position of Sustainability Coordinator has not been filled.

7.A DEI Commission presentation

Nancy Goodloe and Amber Hoefer-DEI Commissioners, discussed their program. They strive to reach out to diverse populations to be included and reduce barriers whenever possible. Diverse populations are encouraged to be part of local commissions whenever possible. DEI partners with various agencies and the City Council.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.