AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
January 17, 2024

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom

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CITY OF ELLENSBURG
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA
Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
5:15 PM - Regular Meeting

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**
2. **Chair and Vice Chair Election**
3. **Approval of Agenda** (No Public Comment)
4. **Approval of Minutes**

   4.A December 20, 2023 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
5. **Citizen Comment**
6. **New Business**
7. **Bicycle Advisory**
8. **Staff Update/Discussion Items**

   8.A Council Update on Sustainability & Energy Plan
9. **Adjournment**

For more information on the Environmental Commission, contact Planner Laura Wilson at 509-962-7235.

CITY OF ELLENSBURG **Minutes of Environmental Commission, Regular Meeting**

Date of Meeting **December 20, 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 called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Present: Christina Wollman, Jean Marie Linhart, Kristine Steinkoenig, Jess Black, Aaron Peterson (connection issues), Raven Harlin
Also Present: Dan Carlson-Community Development Director; Laura Wilson-Planner; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; Buddy Stanavich-Power & Gas Manager; Nichole Baker-Sustainability & Energy Coordinator; Brenda DeVore-public

2. Approval of Agenda

No change in agenda

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A October 18, 2023 Environmental Commission Minutes
Correction to October 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Jean Marie Linhart was absent but had been marked both present and absent.

4. New Business

None

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Citizen Comment

Brenda DeVore was present. She is a potential future Commissioner.

7. Bicycle Advisory

IOOF donated 45 bikes to FISH food bank to give away for Christmas. A total of 150 bikes were given away in 2023.

8. Staff Update/Discussion Items

Wollman will be gone for the January 2024 meeting. She is open to being nominated for Chair or Vice Chair if the members choose her.

8.A Sustainability & Energy Plan Discussion

8.A Sustainability & Energy Plan - Draft

Stanavich presented a draft sustainability and energy plan to the Commission members. The draft was presented to the DEI and Utility Advisory Committee. He summarized what has been done in the past year and wanted to know if the members felt there was anything missing from the plan. The plan is derived from compliance required by the Washington Legislature Climate Commitment Act. Baseline uses for the public and City of Ellensburg facility uses were reviewed. A public survey was conducted. Based on the data gathered, strategies and priorities will be developed considering the funding and implementation required. State and Federal reporting of utility use has already started. It will be a four-year plan working on clean energy with consideration to how populations that are on a limited income can be mildly impacted. Commissioners gave a variety of ideas, such as: increasing trees, recycling water, increasing solar use, car charging stations at apartments, and City wind farm. The Kittitas County Connector increase in access and availability would decrease vehicles entering the city. A suggestion of creating a portion of the downtown to be pedestrian only. The cost and benefit of the strategies will be considered. Other comments are to be submitted to the staff by the end of this week to be included in the study session scheduled for January 2, 2024. Commission members may attend the study session.

Linhart motioned to recommend the plan being forwarded to City Council for approval. No discussion. The motion passed 5-0 with Commissioner Steinkoenig abstaining.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.