

AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

June 12, 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, June 12, 2024
5:15 PM - Regular Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**
- 2. Approval of Agenda** (No Public Comment)
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.A May 15, 2024 Environmental Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Unfinished Business**
- 6. Bicycle Advisory**
 - 6.A 2024 Bike Month Debrief
- 7. Citizen Comment**
- 8. Staff Update/Discussion Items**
 - 8.A Sustainability Energy Coordinator Update
- 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

May 15, 2024

Time of Meeting

5:15 PM

Place of Meeting

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Commissioner Wollman called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Present: Christina Wollman, Jean Marie Linhart, Jess Black, Kristine Steingoenig, Raven Harlin

Absent: Brenda Devore

Also Present: Terry Weiner-City Attorney; Erin McGowan-Stormwater/Urban Forestry Tech; Dan Carlson-Community Development Director

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Wollman called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A April 17, 2024 Environmental Commission minutes

Commissioner Linhart motioned to approve the April 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes. Motion approved 6-0.

4. New Business

4.A Robert's Rules of Order Presentation

City Attorney Terry Weiner gave a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order.

4.B Environmental Commission Chairperson Discussion

Commissioner Wollman led a discussion on outreach opportunities and other involvement for the Environmental Commission.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Bicycle Advisory

6.A Bike Month Update

Council Member Lillquist discussed updates to the Bike Month activities and volunteer opportunities for the Environmental Commission.

7. Citizen Comment

None

8. Staff Update/Discussion Items

- 8.A Evergreen Community Designation Application
Erin McGowan, Stormwater/Urban Forestry Tech updated the commission on the City's participation in the Evergreen Communities Recognition Program.
- 8.B Sustainability Energy Coordinator Update
This item was rescheduled to the June 12, 2024 regular meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

2024 Bike Month Review

Statistics for next Bicycle Friendly Community application:

Given:

20 Bikes

68 Helmets (2 remaining)

? Lights (0 remaining)

68 Bells purchased

30? Quick Guides English (70 remaining)

1 Quick Guide Spanish (24 remaining)

Rides:

9? Cyclists on family ride – most from CWDR

3 Cyclists on Kittitas ride (Spanish speaking ride leader)

Counts: - Counted 17 people on bikes at Ruby St entrance from 10:30 to 12:00; extrapolate to around 68?

We recruited 2 people to be ride leaders. We will work on getting some group rides established this summer. Brenda is exploring certification with Cascade Bicycle Club or through ReCycle Shop.

The day was windy which may have affected the number of riders.

What went well:

- 1) The Liberty Church volunteers were a fantastic addition!

Suggestions for future:

- 1) We need to add clipboards to our supply box.
- 2) We should reconsider the longer ride; numbers have been low for 3 years in a row.
- 3) January/February – contact Principals and Parent Groups to organize Bike to School Day.
- 4) In January/February Contact KVMA or individual churches to organize Bike to Church Day.

From Brenda DeVore:

Fun to bring the bike event within the market in partnership with The Ridge. Excited kiddos and parents swarmed the tables for bike lights, bells and helmets. Many stopped in to visit after taking photos at the mural.

Few thoughts:

- Volunteers-we had plenty of volunteers and Liberty Church is committed to next year.

- We had one family of 3 for the Kittitas ride and they heard about it on FB.
 - o The ranger team that lead the ride offered history of the trail and many other fun facts. Including some bullet points of Why ride to Kittitas including what people will learn might entice more folks to join.
 - o Asking a local gym and church groups to sponsor the ride and make it an event for their members could bring bigger numbers.
- Additional social media marketing would be helpful for this and the other aspects of the event.
 - o IOOF video showing the bikes being restored and staged for the event and highlight the IOOF volunteers and their mission.
 - o Video interview with Environmental Commission members sharing the why behind the event, volunteer opportunities, and why attend along with the commission's mission.
 - o Live video at the beginning of the event thanking our host location, showing event set up pushed out on city channels.
 - o School district newsletter in April and May.
- Posters for Touch a Truck displayed
- Tent over EC table where Event banner and sponsor banners can be displayed.
- Sponsorship:
 - o Kittitas County Sherriff's office grant is open now for next year. I will work with Nancy to start the application process for the \$1,000 grant for 2025.
 - o Setting up speaking opportunities for the EC at Rotary and Generations now would boost fundraising for 2025.
- Education:
 - o Bike safety talks at 9, 10 and 11 covering some basics of pre ride checklist, general maintenance and safe riding.
 - o Ask Recycle Shop if they will have some bikes on site to demo.
- Demographic was mostly younger kids and families.
 - o What outreach was made to CWU, middle and high school students or do we feel this event is focused on younger riders?
- What else can we include to support our mission to reach the Gold level accreditation?

Thanks to all who came out to volunteer and support this event!
 Market has A-Boards to borrow