

**CAP Standing Committee Meeting
Whitefish City Hall
418 E Second Street, 2nd Floor
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 (5:30pm)**

In Attendance

Committee Members: Casey Lewis, Hilary Lindh, Karin Hilding, Sierra McCartney, Jen Sybrant, Kate McMahan, Zack Darby

Public: Robin Paone, Alissa La Chance

- A. Meeting called to order at 5:33**
- B. Minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting were approved**
- C. Committee Updates**

Parks & Rec- No Update

Fire- No Update

Planning & Building

Hilary – Highway 93 corridor plan reviewing and editing chapters now. Plan includes initiatives that coincide with the CAP such as reducing water use by utilizing drought resistant plants

Public Works

Karin -- discusses the transportation plan which will include issues with public transit and bike/ped. There is an upcoming public input session to discuss areas of focus.

Karin -- Baker underpass is underway which will improve connectivity and increase City bike and walkability.

Karin -- Attended a meeting about a potential constructed wetland on cow creek. The information meeting included the Conservation District, Whitefish Lake Institute, and WGM.

Other Updates

Kate – All HEPA filters have been distributed by Climate Smart. There are articles about this and zero waste Farmer’s Market in the Beacon. Share on social media.

Kate -- Climate Smart has posted The Story of Plastic documentary on their website & social media. Potentially host a follow-up event to discuss. Could the city be involved? If so, post on City website and social media.

Casey -- Flathead basin committee is starting an education an outreach program and will be reaching out to collaborate with the City.

Casey – Flathead conservation district has created educational content. The webinars have been posted to their website and should be shared via social media.

Zack – discusses energy audit and emissions inventory results. Major findings:

- Emissions have decreased by 1% since 2016
- Energy consumption in the parking garage and city hall is increasing but decreasing across all other facilities.
- The hydroplant generates 818,000 kWh of electricity and offsets 56% of water & wastewater
- Zack to update report to reflect hydroplant offsets and send to facilities managers

Zack – discuss results from the zero-waste Farmer’s Market case study. Major findings:

- Vendors report that the biggest barriers to going zero waste are “none” and the cost.
- 70% of vendors use compostable products at all of their markets.
- Compostable containers perform just as good as non-compostable

Kate talks about the sustainable tourism plan and areas of overlap with CAP. Objectives include: water quality, climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation.

Kate -- Montana Climate Solutions Council unveils proposals.

Discussion of website postponed for future meeting.

Public Comment: Energy Innovation Act will be presented to the City by Robin Paone, Melissa Hartman, and Richard Hildner. Proposes a price be placed on carbon producers, 100 cities have adopted this.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55

Next meeting scheduled for October 21 at 5:30