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# 4th Energy Conservation Plan Meeting Notes

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 -- Red Lodge Area Community Foundation

## Agenda

4:00 Welcome

4:05 Work on Implementation Timeline

- Broke into Focus Groups and wrote up Implementation Timelines

4:25 Report Out

- Presented the Implementation Timeline for each Strategy
- Simultaneously brainstormed groups who can help Implement

Issues and Ideas raised:

**Internal Policies and Practices:** What is a dumpster dive? Could the Recycling Board be a part of this? Visually show the City employees on a tarp what recyclables got thrown away. For Strategies that need to be handled internally, we should do our best to identify specific people for implementation rather than just saying it will be handled "internally." Need Mayor and Supervisors to enforce and buy in.

**Fleet, Buildings and Facilities:** For LED retrofit, we need one point person to purchase the correct bulbs and know what they're doing. Smart School Janitor could be a contact for LED retrofit projects in the future. Need to figure out who orders the bulbs. Could Jim and Public Works switch out ballasts on their own? Also want a point person for Existing Building changes who can be approached before any renovations are made. Someone who can do the brain work and figure out how energy efficiency can be incorporated in all projects. Need to work with Great West and make sure they are designing high efficiency buildings for us, add to Year 1 Strategy. Write-up what the MT Building Standard is and where it came from. Explain it better. See if permeable surfaces falls under this code as well and add if not. See if these codes need to be adopted by Council and brought forward by the Mayor. Do the street sweeper vehicles and plows need to be 30 mpg? We don't think so. Need to move the CBA strategy to the start as a guiding principle. Should we add that installing a Supercharger is a goal?

**Codes and Land Use:** Broke down Year 1 for the first Strategy, will finish it on their own and send to me. Mapping the Green Infrastructure could be handled as a GIS project by the High School.

**Solid Waste, Recycling, and Compost:** Could Public Works install the Water Bottle Filling stations to save money on hiring a plumber? The Green Booster program idea could be started off with help from the EPA (Heather Higginbottom) who just started a similar booster program for breweries across the state. See if our glass could be recycled and then turned into products via a partnership with GEO Matrix out of Bozeman. City Officials, ECP Members, and Green

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Team could take a sustainability tour of Yellowstone together. Need to edit our wording on Republic Services contract renewal because they can't do it by weight, could we just say we want to push them to change it or switch to a different trash provider. Could we loop REWIND recycling into our plan? Or get Republic to do their Electronic Recycling program in Red Lodge? Green Team may be interested in helping with Refillable Water Stations. CCRC and Recycling Board could also be partners.

**Wastewater and Water:** Looks like Solar Bees will be an issue for Public Works, need to make sure our wording is careful and that we have our facts straight. Need to understand any objections as well and hear them out. See if Methane Digester is in the Preliminary Engineering Report. Could the MicroTurbine be installed in conjunction with the High School? Add task to analyze Stormwater Master Plan from an energy standpoint once completed. See if verbiage can be added to the annual CIP review that asks them to look at WWTP efficiency as well.

### 5:20 Discussed new ECP Timeline, Survey, and Strategy Slick Version

- Timeline has expanded, discussed the Community Survey

It was decided to do a Strategy Specific community survey so that we can see where aversion lies and beef up those strategies and sections before going to Council. Also could use the survey as a way of educating the public on why these things matter and how they will help the City. Want to roll it out now and have Strategy specific data down the line that we can point to saying for example, "75% of people surveyed support banning plastic bags." If we have numbers to point at it will be a selling point for the Council. Will test it on ECP members first to make sure it all makes sense. Can we make sure each person only fills it out once? Green Team could sit at grocery store and have people fill it out and each ECP member could send it out to their circles. We need hundreds of responses and need to add to our demographic section.

- Presented Kathryn's idea for Strategy Formatting

We need to add some facts on estimated costs or savings for each Strategy, something that makes the Council realize why each strategy matters. Something to help them visualize the impact, selling points.

### 5:50 Discussed Public Works Committee Meeting

- Decided to present at the June 26th meeting after our June ECP meeting, but we want to present to more town groups down the line once draft plan is released.
- When we present to the public, we should have cost figures on how much money will be diverted from paying energy bills to investing in our community with their tax dollars.
- Make sure the PW Committee knows that this is just a draft in June.

### 6:00 Wrap-Up

## Next Meeting -- June

Review Presentation Version of the Strategies

Set our Reduction Target Goal(s) & Establish a Plan for Monitoring & Reporting