

**Lisa C. Kunz**

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**From:** Bob Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:40 AM  
**To:** Donna Williams  
**Cc:** commission; Lisa C. Kunz  
**Subject:** Re: Petitions and Communications

Thank you for your note.

Best,  
Bob K

On Apr 7, 2020, at 9:23 PM, Donna Williams <[dwilliamshome@charter.net](mailto:dwilliamshome@charter.net)> wrote:

Hi,

I'm sorry my email didn't get through for the April 7 meeting. I think I didn't put a good enough title in the subject line. Perhaps it could be read for the next meeting?

Thanks,  
Donna

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Donna Williams <[dwilliamshome@charter.net](mailto:dwilliamshome@charter.net)>  
**Subject:** Thank you!  
**Date:** April 7, 2020 at 4:36:57 PM MDT  
**To:** [commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)

Donna Williams  
2916 2nd Ave N

My thanks to the mayor, the commissioners, and city employees for taking action to prevent the current Covid-19 crisis from becoming worse. I bring you an inspiring quote:

“On the front end of a pandemic you look a little bit like an alarmist, you look a little bit like a Chicken Little, the sky is falling, and on the back end of a pandemic, you didn't do enough.” --Dr. Amy Acton

That's exactly how I feel every time I open my mouth to speak about another crisis in front of us. Climate change is here. Average atmospheric CO2 for last week was well above 415 parts per million, so I'm expecting March average to be around 415ppm as well. April may be the month we cross 416ppm — the highest yet in the natural history of Homo sapiens.

As heartbreaking as the Covid-19 pandemic is, I'm certain that humans will survive it. I'm not so certain we can survive an ever accelerating accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and all the changes it brings, some of which we don't even yet know. While Covid-19 endangers only humans and will kill probably fewer than 4% of those who catch it, climate change endangers all life forms and drives many species to extinction every day we delay.

I hope you will thoughtfully consider any measures the City of Great Falls might take to reduce our carbon emissions.

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