

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Sustainability & Resilience Commission

MEETING DATE

Monday, January 22, 2024
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

MEETING LOCATION

Tempe Don Cassano Room
200 E. Fifth Street, 2nd Floor *Tempe*, AZ 85281

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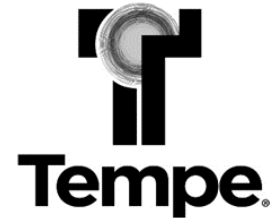
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AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION or DISCUSSION
1. Welcome and SRC Mission	Shawn Swisher, Commission Chair (4:30 – 4:35 pm)	
2. Public Appearances The Sustainability Commission welcomes public comment for items listed on this agenda. There is a <i>three-minute time limit</i> per citizen.	Shawn Swisher, Commission Chair (4:33 – 4:35 pm)	
3. Review of Meeting Minutes The Commission will be asked to review meeting minutes from the December 18, 2023 meeting.	Shawn Swisher, Commission Chair (4:35 – 4:37 pm)	Action
4. Restaurant Circular Economy Project	Nick Shivka, Local First Arizona Maddie Mercer, Neighborhood Resilience Coordinator (4:37 – 5:00 pm)	Discussion
5. 2024 Neighborhood Awards – Call for Nominations	Eric Iwersen, S&RC Director Shawn Swisher, Commission Chair (5:00 – 5:25 pm)	Discussion
6. Sustainability and Resilience Commission Dates of Interest Calendar	Eric Iwersen, S&RC Director (5:25-5:35pm)	Discussion
7. Sustainability and Resilience Office Updates and Housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 18 SRP Solar Choice Select Agreement • January 20 Recap • Commission composition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feb 1 - 1st hearing ○ Feb 15 - 2nd hearing 	Eric Iwersen, Sustainability and Resilience Director (5:35 – 5:45 pm)	Discussion
8. Future Agenda Items - Commission may request future agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRP Solar over Canals • Solarize Tempe (Mayor Proclamation + Outreach) • Design Competition Follow Up – Integrative Planning Framework • Neighborhood Award Selection 	Commission Chair (5:45 – 6:00pm)	Action

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Minutes

City of Tempe Sustainability Commission December 18, 2023

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission meeting held on Monday, December 18, 2023, 4:30 p.m. at a virtual meeting on MS Teams, through City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Kendon Jung (Chair)	Jake Swanson
Barbie Burke (Vice Chair)	Shawn Swisher
Natalie Mendoza	Erin Boyd
Katja Brundiars	Joshua Randall
Ben Paulat	
Taylor Conley	

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Morgan Winburn

City Staff Present:

Eric Iwersen
Brianna Fisher
Andy Escobar
Maddie Mercer
Evelyn Brumfield
Carissa Fowler
Dawn Ratcliffe

Guests Present:

Paul Coseo

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome New Members and SRC Mission

Commission Chair Jung called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Commission Chair Jung reminded everyone to learn the Tempe Sustainability Commission mission inside and out and will send the mission to anyone if needed.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

No public comments were shared

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commission Chair Jung called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 20, 2023. Commissioner Mendoza wanted attendance corrected to reflect that she was not there for the November 20, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Vice Chair Burke

Second: Commissioner Swisher

Decision: Approved 10-0

Agenda Item 4 – Cool Kids, Cool Places, Cool Futures Grant Findings

Presented by Commissioner Katja Brundiers, Associate Clinical Professor, College of Global Futures and Paul Coseo, Ph.D., PLA, ASU Design School

The grant report update presented by Commissioner Brundiers and Paul Coseo via a PowerPoint video, focused on moving from individual responsibility to collective responsibility for heat resilience. They noted it is especially important and urgent since the summer of 2020 was the hottest on record, later being eclipsed by the summer of 2023. Their grant work was supported through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2020 – 2023, with another cost extension through May 2024).

They found that a key aspect is organizing youth on intergenerational change and the importance of integrating youth ideas into policy making as well as focusing on what is needed in the present to better adapt to the future. Paul Coseo discussed the “Project Theory of Change” and included moving from individual resilience (ex.: water bottle) to community resilience (ex.: public cooling authority). The Community Youth Council was developed as part of this project and merged with the Sustainability Club at McClintock High. This work with youth has expanded out to Tempe High School.

One of the goals is to integrate indigenous voices into decision making as well as artists and creatives, with an emphasis on community resilience bringing equity/community change into the conversations about heat resilience.

He also noted the importance of working on cousin projects like the National Endowment of the Arts Our Town grant to integrate more indigenous ways of knowing and collaborations.

Hekiu was specifically mentioned since this group is comprised of indigenous creatives and artists who have worked with the City. Nurturing the ASU/City of Tempe partnership was also seen as needed for the larger community resilience projects.

As part of the grant, there were several projects at the following levels, with a focus on equity and justice at the core:

- school and neighborhood level
- city level
- regional level
- the larger encompassing partnership represented at each of these levels

They were challenged to think about the work and realignment of the figure. As noted in the slide show, the arrows shouldn't be separate but should be more aligned and coming together in the city and university partnership and supported by all these different ponds and streams of work.

They had six initial goals going into this project, ultimately pulling out and elevating the top two goals:

Goal one: Community building and place keeping/making

Goal two: City and regional collaboration

Investment in time for the project

Another aspect is how to account for all the people and time invested in the work:

80 participants

Hosted 329 recurring planning meetings

64 events

26 hires and staff changes

57 students mentored

One person spent 1,300 hours documenting time.

Investment in money for the project

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation seed funds \$580,000.

The City of Tempe funds \$400,000 for four permanent staff and GSI.

Various one-time investments total \$650,000.

External funders total \$965,000.

Roadmap for how the project is to be set up (a draft will come in within a month or two)

Evaluating goal achievement

Developmental evaluation: inputs, activities, outputs (everything we can measure and count, ex.: heat vulnerability map), outcomes (Did this heat vulnerability inspire people to think differently?) and assumptions.

They inventoried all outcomes and outputs at the neighborhood, city and regional levels, measuring outputs and outcomes and rated levels of attainment as much more than expected, more than expected, as expected, less than expected and much less than expected. The three voices were Youth Voiced (Prong A), City and University Voices (Prong B) and Indigenous and Territorial Voices (Prong C).

The overarching insights gained are accountability, lessons learned and general recommendations (allocation efforts to build community resilience in collaboration with youth - maintain momentum (more than expected), actively support (as expected) and thoughtfully invest (less than expected)).

Neighborhood level

- Options for youth and City to work together (outputs) – ex.: diverse collaborative projects
- Awareness for need of cooling projects in CIP budget and planning (outcome)

City level

- Neighborhood emergency management hub and resilience hub master plan (outputs)
- Commitment to action for equity and decolonization in emergency management and planning (outcomes)

Regional level – did not achieve as much as we intended to

The City of Tempe in partnership with City of Phoenix can lead the conversations in including heat mitigation in the hazards mitigation plan since Tempe alone has 40 heat mitigation actions in both structural and non-structural areas. This will hopefully show other cities that it is not difficult to include heat mitigation in the hazards mitigation plan.

- Heat in hazards mitigation plan (outputs)
- Elevate indigenous perspectives to support youth learning about heat/cooling (outcome)

The other evaluation tool they used was the Seven Directions Framework:

Eastern: reminds us to be good relatives and live in good relations with all things human and non-human.

Southern: reminds us to have a good mind and good thinking.

Western: provides a way for us to do good work with good understandings of how our decisions, behaviors and actions impact human/non-human beings and the environment.

Northern: helps us synthesize and make deeper sense of our work together so that there is wisdom, innovation, interconnectedness and a vision for the next seven generations.

Earthward: is Mother Earth and what she represents (land).

Skyward: relatives seen and unseen in the sky and cosmos; asks us to consider the present state as part of the sacred circular kinships among the seen and unseen (air).

Inward: wisdom that each of us carries within us based on lineage, traditional/oral knowledge and responsibilities, family or other settler histories and lived experiences (transformation).

- Refocus from “doing things” to relating to people and how to build relationships to “do things” – collaborating with youth
- Community resilience is people-centered and based on the resilience of natural systems (sky, land) – designing for air and land quality and measuring project impacts
- Inner transformations – sharing vulnerability and supporting personal growth to channel outer change

Insight: need to establish necessary conditions for building community resilience

- People – four permanent staff members
- Relations – new relations, “cousin” projects – nurturing a broader coalition
- Funding – additional funds required, inspired others to acquire funds (include time to build institutional relations and for the projects themselves)
- Institutional support structures – policy proposals, guidance by Hekiu (scaling to regional level)

Commission Chair Jung commented that youth voices are very important and that it started back in 2018 with the Youth Agenda as part of the Climate Action Plan and is valued by all councilmembers, especially Councilmember Berdetta Hodge.

Commission Chair Jung asked Paul and Commissioner Brundiers for something they learned about the process and the City and how the Commission can help. Paul commented that it takes a long time to establish official relationships with ASU, City of Tempe and school districts. It created a lot of headaches for youth, so he mentioned establishing those relationships in advance of working with the youth. Evelyn Brumfield was mentioned by Paul and Commissioner Brundiers in relationship to her work with schools and Carrisa Fowler was mentioned by Commissioner Brundiers in reference to people appointed to strengthen relationships.

Commissioner Brundiers commented on the connections with sustainability, resilience and emergency management. In writing the grant, we tend to be ambitious with what we promise, but we want people who continue the project when funding ends.

Commissioner Randall asked how the kids felt about the process of dealing with politics. Paul Coseo responded that one of the original youth council members (Shalae Clemens) wrote a reflection piece about what went right and what went wrong and included suggestions about how we can do this better.

Commissioner Brundiers commented that it was very valuable for her and Paul to go through what changes happened when they started and where they are now. We didn't have the proper before and after assessment point. Her recommendation for the commission is to take stock at the beginning and end of the year and look back on progress.

Commissioner Boyd liked the video and the inputs and outputs but wanted to know who the audience is for this Cool Kids report.

Commissioner Brundiers said that eventually this will be a presentation for City Council. They are trying to decide what parts to present to Council and asked for Brianne's feedback.

When going to Council, Brianne recommends pulling out a piece of this larger report for the Sustainability and Resilience Office to advance this further. In her opinion, it should be youth work and showing the investment we have made by demonstrating how we have used this grant to move the needle with the challenges we might have working at the school board or school district level. Since our City operates under performance measures, we do not have a performance measure that speaks to community resilience or urban cooling. This report can help build a heat vulnerability/community resilience performance measure.

Commission Chair Jung agreed with Brianne and also said the storytelling around this grant was monumental and thanked Commissioner Brundiers and Paul for presenting. He commented that we can make future unrelated grants smoother thanks to this one.

Agenda Item 5 – 2024 Neighborhood Awards – Call for Nominations

Tempe Sustainability Award Application: Achievement of the Year 2024 Recognizes residents, organizations, youth and businesses that help to strengthen and creatively build the Tempe community in terms of sustainability. February 15 at 5:00 p.m. due date.

Commission Chair Jung talked about the Sustainability Award Application and how the nominations are the biggest challenges. He recommended "bring a buddy program" – nominate someone and have them nominate someone else. The next steps are to review

the application to make sure that everything still looks great and then put it out for nominations.

Commissioner Swisher commented on the tight deadline. Commission Chair Jung said it isn't a deadline we put in place and that all neighborhood award categories have to adhere to this deadline. Brianne explains that the Neighborhood Services Office helps the Mayor put on this event on April 6 and they establish the deadlines. She can ask for flexibility, but it allows our commission to meet in March and decide who the winners are and get the script ready for the Mayor. Brianne will ask but doesn't think there is a lot of flexibility (maybe a week).

Commissioner Swisher recommended the idea of promoting the deadline knowing that there would be a deadline extension by one week or at least a few more days beyond the deadline.

Commission Chair Jung encouraged people to nominate someone as most nominations come from this commission. Examples of award winners include Culdesac and residents with their own xeriscaping work. One of the comments last year from Commissioner Brundiers was on how we are evaluating the nominations that come forward in the spirit of collaboration and collective action. They are looking to incorporate that into the evaluation process. Commission Chair Jung asked Brianne to send a copy of past projects that have received a nomination.

Commissioner Conley asked if the commission has tried better ways of getting the word out. Chair Jung mentioned the Tempe Chamber committee and a thriving coalition of youth. If you aren't part of the sustainability echo chamber, it may be easy to miss but the City has a marketing plan for all awards. But Chair Jung recognizes the need to elevate the sustainability award to get the word out.

Agenda Item 6 – Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Commission Chair Jung
Brianne Fisher, Climate Action Manager

Commission Chair Jung asked Brianne how she wanted to collect the nominations. Brianne encouraged commissioners to nominate people by raising their hand and saying their nomination aloud or by putting it in the chat. Commission Chair Jung emphasized that if you are going to nominate someone, they do not have to accept the nomination and asked Brianne how to go about this.

Brianne suggested starting with Vice Chair. Commission Chair Jung nominated himself for Vice Chair to be a transition from his role as Chair. Commissioner Swanson nominated

Chair Jung. There was no formal roll call. All in favor vote yielded unanimous “yes” votes with no one opposed.

Commissioner Swisher nominated himself for Chair and Commission Chair Jung nominated Commissioner Swisher as well. Commissioner Brundiers asked when the transition would happen for Vice Chair. Chair Jung would fill one term as Vice Chair and then it would be a normal election process.

Motion for Commissioner Swisher for Vice Chair: Commission Chair Jung

Decision: Approved 10-0

Motion carries for Commission Chair Jung as Vice Chair and Commissioner Swisher as Chair beginning in January 2024.

Commissioner Brundiers expressed sincere gratitude for Vice Chair Burke. Chair Jung thanked Vice Chair Burke for her work and the stability that she brought to the commission. She has been a voice of positive contribution.

Agenda Item 7 – Sustainability and Resilience Office Updates and Housekeeping

Eric Iwersen, Sustainability and Resilience Director

2024 SRC Meeting Schedule

Eric echoed support for all the great work Commission Chair Jung and Vice Chair Burke did and thanked them for being advocates for the expansion of the Sustainability and Resilience Office and for cultivating advocacy among the council members.

He noted that they are making changes to the commission construct and making it easier to apply.

Eric mentioned the January 20 event at the EnVision Center, which is a community update about programming at EnVision Center, energy equity, resilience hubs and the Grow Local grant work.

We are in the budget cycle for fiscal year 2025 and we have some budget constraints coming forward due to state legislative changes. While this will limit our expansion, we are bringing people over who work better with our team and we are moving several CIP programs that have been housed in Engineering to Sustainability including electric vehicle readiness, solar for facilities, etc. Eric also thanked the Sustainability and Resilience Commission for working with him.

Brianne mentioned moving next year to in-person meetings and will alternate between in-person and online every other month.

Commission Chair Jung mentioned the desire to move these to in-person meetings but having flexibility to also having online participation. Vice Chair Burke commented that before COVID, they always met in person and not online.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

Commission Chair Jung handed off the reins to new Chair Swisher.

New vice chair Jung let new Chair Swisher know that for the first meetings of the year, there is a full retreat or they are in addition to regular meetings in a retreat context to set the context for what we need to be doing and what we have pushed forward including the IgCC (passing the IgCC and moving from get it passed to how we get to make it mandatory), green stormwater infrastructure work and looking at some things that didn't receive as much attention such as transportation/land management work and other elements. That is what the retreat will be used for as well as future agenda items.

In the chat, Commissioner Paulat asked for updates on Tempe composting and solar shade along the canals in January. Also, Commission Chair Jung mentioned waste diversion needing attention at large.

Commission may request future agenda items.

- January Retreat
- Tempe Composting
- Solar Shade on Canals

Commission Chair Jung thanked two commissioners who are departing: Commissioner Mendoza and Commissioner Brundiers.

Commission Chair Jung motions to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Motion: Chair Jung

Second: Commissioner Brundiers

Decision: Approved 10-0

Prepared by: Dawn Ratcliffe

Reviewed by: Brianne Fisher

Addendum – MS Teams Chat:

[12/18/23 5:41 PM] Natalie Mendoza (Guest)

Thank you.

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[12/18/23 5:43 PM] Barbie Burke (Guest)



[12/18/23 5:43 PM] Katja Brundiers

Thank you very much for your very generous words of appreciation!

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[12/18/23 5:43 PM] Jake Swanson (Guest)

Informally, post meeting motion for a celebratory happy hour for our two departing commissioners and celebrating Barbie's tenure. Will follow up in email for anyone that'd like to meet up.

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[12/18/23 5:44 PM] Jake Swanson (Guest)

Talking the thumbs up as seconds.

[12/18/23 5:44 PM] Natalie Mendoza (Guest)

Thank you for the kind words Kendon.

[12/18/23 5:44 PM]

Taylor Conley (Guest) left the chat.

[12/18/23 5:44 PM]

Barbie Burke (Guest) left the chat.

[12/18/23 5:44 PM] Natalie Mendoza (Guest)

I have enjoyed my time on this commission and I hope you continue to do the great work here.

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[12/18/23 5:44 PM]

Ben Paulat (Guest) left the chat.

[12/18/23 5:44 PM]

Erin Boyd (Guest) left the chat.

[12/18/23 5:44 PM]

Jake Swanson (Guest) left the chat.

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Natalie Mendoza (Guest) left the chat.

[12/18/23 5:45 PM] Katja Brundiers

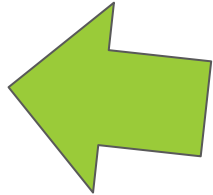
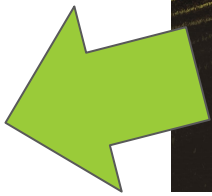
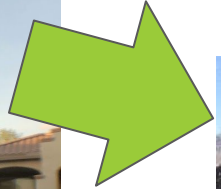
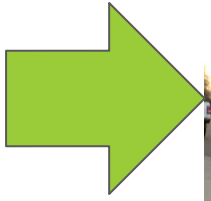
Well said, Natalie! I am grateful for the experience and the opportunity and for learning with all of you!

[12/18/23 5:46 PM]

12/18/23 5:46 PM Meeting ended: 1h 33m 13s

Tempe Restaurant Circular Economy Project







Tempe COMPOST Program

**80 Billion
Pounds of Food**
Will be Thrown Away This Year!

The Tempe Restaurant Circular Economy Pilot enables locally-owned restaurants to divert 100% of their food waste - usually destined for the landfill - towards creating farmland through composting services.

Produce is grown in soil generated by restaurant compost to be sourced back to restaurants, closing the loop and making critical interconnections in the local Tempe food economy.



According to the City of Tempe, approximately 25% of refuse taken to their landfill is some type of organic waste.

Local First Arizona estimates that this project can divert between **100,000 - 300,000** pounds from the landfill over 18 months.

40,000 to 80,000 pounds of finished compost created to grow food on R.City's farm which will then be sourced to dining establishments and the local community.

We seek to measure not only the organic waste diversion rate but the budgetary savings for the restaurants and the city's waste management division.

Additional reductions in food waste destined to the landfill shall be accomplished by working with food service providers to assess menus, food costing, kitchen practices, composting, and local sourcing to **close the food cycle**.

How does the program work?



1. Participating restaurant schedules site visit with Tempe and Local First staff to audit waste, determine composting logistics and infrastructure, and sourcing practices
2. Restaurant is signed up for weekly R. City composting service
3. Food waste from restaurants is composted into soil which is used to grow fresh produce
4. Restaurants can purchase produce grown from their compost - closing the loop!

Circular Economy!

**Special
Composting
Rates for Tempe
restaurants:**

**\$0/month for
the 1st 6
months**

**\$20/month for
next 6 months**



Benefits of composting for **Tempe businesses**

- ✓ Market Your Business as a Green Leader
- ✓ Prevent Food Waste
- ✓ Lower Methane Gasses Caused by Rotting Foods
- ✓ Reduce Business Costs
- ✓ Improve Soil Health by Composting
- ✓ Source Local Produce for Fresher Food



Where have we been?

Tempe Restaurant COMPOSTING PROJECT

Kick Off Event

Wednesday

May 31, 2023 | 4 - 5 p.m.

Mundo Grill

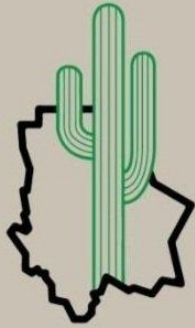
1250 E Apache Blvd #116, Tempe, AZ 85281



Mundo Grill was the site of the beginning of the composting and circular economy pilot in the Apache Corridor. During the Orientation, Council Member Arlene Chin delivered a message about the importance of local restaurants to Tempe, and how this project will lift them up to reduce waste, lower emissions, all while providing delicious food to residents and visitors alike.



Also gathered at the event were representatives from nearby local businesses, leaders from City of Tempe's Economic Development and Sustainability Departments, JD from Compost service provider Recycled City, staff from Local First Arizona's Sustainability, Food, and Farm teams, Amy Bird from RSF Finance, and Kimber Lanning.



COCINA CHIWAS

Onboarded: 08/21/2023

Capacity: 2x 60 gallon barrels 2x / week



Cocina Chiwas

Waste Diverted (lbs)

Compost Created (lbs) (~30%)

GHG Prevented (lbs CO2e-)

Aug 21 2023 Sept 20 2023
Sept 21 2023 Oct 21 2023
Oct 22 2023 Nov 19 2023
Nov 20 2023 Dec 24 2023

2,950
3,237
2,914
2,133

885
971.1
874.2
639.9

TOTAL

11,234

3370.2

2,149

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Chen's Noodle House

Onboarded: 09/21/2023

Capacity: 1x 60 gallon barrels 1x / week



Chen's Noodle House

Waste Diverted (lbs)

Compost Created (lbs) (~30%)

GHG Prevented (lbs CO2e-)

Oct 2023	Oct 2023	40	12
11/5/23	12/3/23	975	292.5
12/4/23	12/23/23	600	180

Where are we going?

Goals:

Circularity

Recruitment

Recognition of Participating Businesses

NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS INFORMATION MEMO

Eric Iwersen, Sustainability and Resilience Director

Purpose:

Commissioners will take the time during the meeting to discuss potential nominees. The Chair and Vice Chair will facilitate the discussion and discuss the vision for the ideal award winner(s).

Background:

The Neighborhood Awards & Celebration is taking place on April 6 at Kiwanis Park. Award winners receive a plaque and recognition by Mayor and Council at the event. There are several other Commissions involved in this process including:

- Historic Preservation Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) along with Neighborhood Services – serves as **primary event hosts**
- Sustainability & Resilience Commission
- And, City of Tempe Water Conservation recognizing awesome, water wise landscape treatments!

The Sustainability Achievement of the Year Award nomination form is located on **this website** and included in the attachments. So far, the Sustainability and Resilience Office has received one nomination (see attached). Last year, the Commission selected four winners – 1) Youth (High School) 2) Youth (College), 3) Group, 4) Business. The Commission should make an effort not to replicate the same winners this year. Importantly, this year we are being asked to award one overall winner.

Current Status and Important Dates:

Nomination Deadline: Thursday, February 15, 2024

SRC Selection: Monday., February 26 SRC Meeting

Our Office has only received one nomination so far. This nomination is coming from our office through the Energy Equity Program work our office is coordinating with Rail CDC (see attached).



Tempe Sustainability Award Application: Achievement of the Year 2024



The Sustainability & Resilience Commission asks Tempe residents to nominate people, projects or organizations for the sustainability achievement of the year award. This award is meant to highlight people and projects in our city that are setting an example of how we can create a more sustainable and resilient city.

Who's eligible? Sustainability Awards recognize residents, organizations, youth and businesses that help to strengthen and creatively build the Tempe community through their commitment to and involvement in sustainability.

Who can nominate? Individuals, neighborhood groups, community organizations, and homeowners associations are encouraged to nominate any person, group, or business they feel exemplify sustainability at its best.

Include:

1. Completed form (reverse side)
2. Narrative: Why this nominee or project merits recognition. What has this individual, group, youth or business done to create a more sustainable and resilient neighborhood or community that is "above and beyond" notable? Describe how it meets recognition criteria, 1 page maximum.
3. Letters, emails, and documentations in support of the nomination.

Submit: **Follow instructions specific to this category below**

By Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 5:00 pm. *Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered.* Email: brianne_fisher@tempe.gov (Subject Line: Sustainability Award Nominee)

Awards will be presented at the Neighborhood Celebration Event on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Award recognizes excellence in:

- Energy efficiency and conservation
- Water conservation and reclamation
- Sustainable practices such as high-performance building
- Leadership in building and engaging neighborhood communication, projects, activities and improvements
- Creativity and innovation in sustainable solutions
- Unique contributions of time, effort, skills, and/or financial resources to City's sustainable goals and objectives

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The award winner is selected by the Sustainability & Resilience Commission, an advisory board to the Mayor and Council on sustainable initiatives and achievements.

Please complete this form to nominate a person, group, youth or business for Achievement of the Year Award.

Person/group/youth/business being nominated:

Description of nominee's efforts/narrative (attach up to one page)

Nominee Info-complete all fields

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Nominator Info-complete all fields

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Others supporting application:

Name: _____ email/phone: _____

Name: _____ email/phone: _____

Name: _____ email/phone: _____



Dear Fellow Members of Tempe Boards, Commissions, and Community,

We are thrilled to invite you to participate in the 2024 Neighborhood Awards Celebration, an event that holds a special place in our hearts. As past recipients of these awards, Joel Stern, Chair, and I, Gabe Hagen, Vice-Chair of the City of Tempe Neighborhood Advisory Commission, have personally experienced the honor and joy of being recognized by our peers for our contributions to our community. This recognition by fellow neighbors was not only a proud moment for us but also a reminder of the strong sense of community that thrives in Tempe.

This year's celebration is set for **Saturday, April 6, at Kiwanis Park Fiesta Ramadas**. It promises to be a morning filled with live music, community bonding, and fun activities, reflecting the vibrancy and warmth of our neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Awards are an opportunity to express our collective gratitude and appreciate the unique contributions that make our Tempe neighborhoods exceptional. Whether it's through individual acts of kindness, group initiatives, or beautifying our shared spaces, these efforts create a sense of belonging and community spirit.

We need your nominations

We encourage you to nominate those who have made a notable impact in our community. Your participation is crucial in identifying and celebrating these deserving individuals and groups.

- Nomination Forms: These will be available at www.tempe.gov/NeighborhoodCelebration
- Deadline: Please submit your nominations before Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. to ensure they are considered.

Joel and I can attest that receiving a Neighborhood Award is an extraordinary experience. It's a gesture that resonates deeply, knowing that it comes from the people who see and appreciate the efforts made to enhance our community.

We eagerly await your nominations and are excited to honor this year's recipients. Let's come together to acknowledge and celebrate the remarkable people and initiatives that contribute to the beauty and connectedness of our Tempe neighborhoods.

Thank you for joining us in this celebration of community spirit. We look forward to your participation and seeing you on April 6!

With warm regards,

Joel Stern
Chair, City of Tempe Neighborhood Advisory Commission

Gabe Hagen
Vice-Chair, City of Tempe Neighborhood Advisory Commission



Questions? neighborhoods@tempe.gov or 480-350-8234



Tempe Sustainability Award Application: Achievement of the Year 2024



The Sustainability & Resilience Commission asks Tempe residents to nominate people, projects or organizations for the sustainability achievement of the year award. This award is meant to highlight people and projects in our city that are setting an example of how we can create a more sustainable and resilient city.

Who's eligible? Sustainability Awards recognize residents, organizations, youth and businesses that help to strengthen and creatively build the Tempe community through their commitment to and involvement in sustainability.

Who can nominate? Individuals, neighborhood groups, community organizations, and homeowners associations are encouraged to nominate any person, group, or business they feel exemplify sustainability at its best.

Include:

1. Completed form (reverse side)
2. Narrative: Why this nominee or project merits recognition. What has this individual, group, youth or business done to create a more sustainable and resilient neighborhood or community that is "above and beyond" notable? Describe how it meets recognition criteria, 1 page maximum.
3. Letters, emails, and documentations in support of the nomination.

Submit: **Follow instructions specific to this category below**

By Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 5:00 pm. *Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered.* Email: brianne_fisher@tempe.gov (Subject Line: Sustainability Award Nominee)

Awards will be presented at the Neighborhood Celebration Event on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Award recognizes excellence in:

- Energy efficiency and conservation
- Water conservation and reclamation
- Sustainable practices such as high-performance building
- Leadership in building and engaging neighborhood communication, projects, activities and improvements
- Creativity and innovation in sustainable solutions
- Unique contributions of time, effort, skills, and/or financial resources to City's sustainable goals and objectives

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The award winner is selected by the Sustainability & Resilience Commission, an advisory board to the Mayor and Council on sustainable initiatives and achievements.

Please complete this form to nominate a person, group, youth or business for Achievement of the Year Award.

Person/group/youth/business being nominated:

Ana Aguilar, Alegre Neighborhood Resident

Description of nominee's efforts/narrative (attach up to one page)

Nominee Info-complete all fields

Name: Ana Aguilar

Address: 1895 E Don Carlos Ave

Email: ana@railcdc.org

Phone: 6028163461

Nominator Info-complete all fields

Name: Andy Escobar

Address: 900 W Grove Pkwy

Email: escobar.andrea40@gmail.com

Phone: 6025877771

Others supporting application:

Name: _____ email/phone: _____

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Ana Aguilar is a Tempe resident living in the Alegre neighborhood with her husband, son, and daughter. Ana's involvement in Tempe's sustainability efforts is linked to her role as a community organizer for RAIL CDC, a community development organization focused on building a stronger, more resilient community. The Sustainability and Resilience Office (SRO) partnered with RAIL n and Ana to distribute home energy kits, containing LED bulbs, smart plugs, utility stipends, and other items, to Tempe residents to help lower their home energy costs. As a community organizer, Ana conducted bilingual outreach in the Victory Acres, Escalante, and Alegre neighborhoods to encourage households to attend the series of engagement events RAIL held to find out what energy-efficient items residents would find helpful. Ana continued her outreach efforts throughout the giveaway process by going door to door and engaging additional residents to sign up for energy kits.

Her contribution to this energy equity work is part of the city's larger effort to promote resilience to extreme heat. The home energy kits are a result of the Climate Justice Agenda in the 2022 Climate Action Plan Update. Community members from low-income, high-heat neighborhoods (such as Victory Acres, Escalante and Alegre) shared that they have to choose between paying for electricity and other necessities because the cost of cooling their homes is too expensive. They asked that the city focus on addressing energy equity and extreme heat. Ana's community organizing work on this pilot project will help to advance SRO's future energy equity work, especially the Climate Justice Advisory Group (CJAG). CJAG will feature a series of community workshops that focus on long-term planning around residential energy needs and heat mitigation. Feedback from these workshops will inform the city on the types of programs, policies, and infrastructure that are needed to promote energy equity and urban cooling.

When asked why she was interested in volunteering for this project, Ana stated that she likes the energy efficiency component because it addresses the economic problems that are a result of extreme heat and that she is interested in doing something for the future of her children and community. As a resident of the Alegre neighborhood, she has a greater understanding of the issues that community members are facing. Ana has noted that many households have little to no education on how to improve a home's efficiency or how the built environment impacts the quality of life inside one's home. It is through Ana, her insights, and her connection to the community that led to successful outreach efforts for the home energy efficiency kit giveaway, and it is through residents like Ana that SRO is able to successfully implement community-based sustainability solutions.

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Dates of Interest Calendar



Month	SRC Agenda	City of Tempe Calendar
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local First Composting Pilot Program • Neighborhood Awards • Calendar Events • S&RO Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 18 SRP Solar Choice Select Agreement • January 20 recap • Commission composition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feb 1 - 1st hearing ○ Feb 15 - 2nd hearing 	<p><u>Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 18 RCM SRP Solar Choice Select Agreement • January 30 South Tempe Candidate Forum <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 20 EnVision Open House & Community Food Showcase • January 22 Mill Avenue Refresh
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRP Solar Canals • Solarize Tempe (Mayor Proclamation + Outreach) • Design Competition Follow Up – Integrative Planning Framework • Neighborhood Aware Selection 	<p><u>Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 1 RCM Commission Composition 1st hearing • Feb 7 Kiwanis Club Candidate Forum • Feb 15 Commission Composition 2nd hearing • Feb., 21 at noon Resilience Hub Initiative Update to HSCS Council Committee • Feb 22 WSS Financial Forecast and Intro for CIP <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb., 6 at noon via Zoom - virtual budget forum • Feb., 6 at 6pm Tempe History Museum - in person budget forum • Feb., 12 at noon via Zoom - virtual Resilience Hub Initiative Public Meeting • Feb., 12 at 6pm at EnVision - Resilience Hub Public Meeting

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<p>March</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character Area 6 Planning Process (Ambika and Jacob) • S&RO Budget Overview (CIP) • S&RO Grant Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Helene) • Community Tree Stewards • Gaming Grant • EECBG • CFI/Charging & Facility Infrastructure • Composting/Circular Economy 	<p><u>Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 12 - Tempe Election • March 25 WSS Tree & Shade Canopy Strategies Overview • March 25 WSS CIP And Acceleration Strategies <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p>
<p>April</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessory Dwelling Units Community Development • Rain to Roots Update • Heat Relief Communications/Cooling Center Plan 	<p><u>Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 4 RCM - Earth Month Proclamation • April 12 Council Retreat • April 18 WSS Operating, CIP and Acceleration Strategies • April 18 WSS Energy Equity Program Overview <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Awards Celebration at Kiwanis Park
<p>May</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling Contamination Education Overview • City of Tempe Weatherization Program (EECBG) 	<p><u>Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2 WSS Budget Review Operating and CIP (if needed) • May 2 WSS Resilience Hub Initiative Overview • May 13 Joint Council and DRC Meeting • May 16 WSS Accessory Dwelling Units Zoning and Development Code Update • May 21 Special Budget Meeting (adoption)

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		<p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RETREAT 	<p><u>Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 6 Special Budget Meeting CIP and Property Tax Levy 1st Hearing • June 27 Final Property Tax Hearing <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p>
July		<p><u>Council:</u></p> <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow Local Tempe Roadmap 	<p><u>Council:</u></p> <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Equity Roadmap • Grow Local Tempe Roadmap (Maddie)
September		<p><u>Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow Local Tempe Roadmap Approved by Council <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Equity Roadmap draft recommendations
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Equity Roadmap draft recommendations 	<p><u>Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Equity Roadmap draft recommendations National Clean Energy Month Proclamation <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IgCC Status Report 	<p><u>Council:</u></p> <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p>
December		<p><u>Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSS IgCC Voluntary Program Update <p><u>Public Meetings:</u></p>
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<p>PARKING LOT:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro new Green Codes Plan Reviewer • Climate Emergency Declaration/Proclamation • Desert Conservation Plan 	
		<p>KEY: WSS - Work Study Session (starts at 4pm) RCM - Regular Council Meeting (starts at 6pm) Green Highlight - S&RO Specific Initiative</p> <p>Resources: Tempe Channel - Watch Tempe Council meetings live (cannot participate) City Council Comment Card How to join and speak virtually at a Council Meeting Council Chambers Address - 31 E 5th St, Tempe, AZ 85281</p>