



Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission November 21, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission held on Monday, November 21, 2016, 4:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, 31 E. 5th Street, Garden Level, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

John F. Kane (Chair)
Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)
Alix Monty
Aaron Redman
Jessica Hauer by phone

Corey Hawkey by phone
Gretchen Reinhardt
Arnim Wiek

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Carol Hu
Colin Tetreault

City Staff Present:

Don Bessler, Public Works Director
Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager

Carla Sidi, Executive Assistant

Guests Present:

Ashley Goldstein, HPU Graduate
Manic Weiss, Leuphana University Luneburg
Thenes Konrad, Leuphana University Luneburg

Jan-ou Brandt, Leuphana University Luneburg
Jodie Birdman, Leuphana University Luneburg
Councilmember Lauren Kuby

Chair John Kane called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Kane introduced the minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting and asked for a motion.

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Monty

Second: Commissioner Jung

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Recap Previous Presentations

None

Agenda Item 4 – 2016 Sustainability Commission Annual Report

Carla Sidi, executive assistant, presented the 2016 Sustainability Commission Annual Report. Don explained the rationale for creating an annual report. Discussion about the Goals Related to City Council Strategic Priorities for the next 12 months. Commission revised the first goal and asked Water Issues to be added:

- Commission will be studying Water Issues and Rainwater Harvesting to make recommendations to the city council

A motion was made to approve the report.

Motion: Commissioner Redman

Second: Commissioner Monty

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 5 – Sustainability Award

The revised application was distributed. Discussion about criteria number 2 and 6.

- Commission would like three distinctly different criteria
- Scale a little broader

Commission made some suggestions and Jessica will review the criteria and categories. Jessica will send the updated application to Carla for distribution to the commission.

The Commission will send Shauna a description of the Sustainability Neighborhood Award to be in the Tempe Today Newsletter, January edition.

Agenda Item 6 – Resiliency Workshop

Don talked about how successful the Resiliency Workshop was and the cultural awareness this will help to create. The goal is to ensure that it is not treated as a program, but part of the city strategic thinking philosophy. Braden presented the details from the workshop. Next step how to integrate it into the city's process and embrace sustainability principles. Discussion about:

- Discussion about the workshop game – exposure to system, value and future thinking
 - ✓ Game can engage other commissions – flexible, minor modifications
 - ✓ New game - strategic and future thinking
 - ✓ Help commissions to collaborate in project together
- Consider additional efforts such as a 2.0 version closer tying the principles to the City Council Strategic Priorities
- Coordination with the Strategic Management Office:
 - ✓ Strategic Management Office is working with departments to help develop their action plan to be aligned with the City Council priorities - March 2017

Agenda Item 7 – Update on McClintock Dr. Bike Lane

Don gave an update about the McClintock Bike Lane. City Council wants:

- Continue to collect data
- Staff will bring back options that overall keep bike lanes while adding back vehicle capacity.
- December 15th WSS meeting, PW will present the proposed process approach to Council and make sure it is aligned with their expectations.

Commission discussed how to approach Council with evidence based research regarding a few city projects.

A motion was made for the Sustainability Commission to be inserted in a formal way into the process for the resolution of the McClintock Bike Lane.

Staff will ensure that the Public Works Transportation team includes the Sustainability Commission as a formal piece of the process.

Motion: Commissioner Wiek

Second: Commissioner Jung

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 8 – 5th Street Project

Eric Iwersen gave an update on the 5th Street Project data collection phase. Next step, design concept aligned with best practices. Drill down pre-concept ideas and feedback with Transportation and Sustainability Commission.

There are four Transportation Commissioners that will be involved in this project more intensively. Eric suggested the Sustainability Commission to meet with them and talk about the design pre-concept ideas. Don suggested having this item in the next Sustainability Commission meeting, December 19st. Meeting will start an hour earlier, at 3:30pm.

Agenda Item 9 – Council Referrals

- Rainwater Harvesting pilot project process

Discussion on how to integrate the rainwater harvesting in some existing and new city projects. Councilmember Kuby explained how the Water Conservation Working Group come up with greywater harvesting idea and foreseen the rainwater as a great opportunity to start a pilot program. Discussion about:

- Where to use the saved rainwater
- Groups willing to pilot the program
- CIP process- identify three city projects to pilot the program

Discussion about the upcoming water utility presentation to council on December 1st water rate presentation.

- Questions and suggestions regarding residents understanding their water bill
- What rate tier they are in
- Whether there is the ability to provide enhanced graphics or something that makes it really obvious on utility bills

Don would follow up with Financial Services about incorporating this information to the presentation.

Agenda Item 10 – Housekeeping

- Commission Terms

Don gave an update about the document Chuck Cahoy, City Attorney, drafted regarding terms expiration and qualification. Chuck is waiting for some feedback since other Commissions will also be affected.

Commission requested agendas and minutes not to be printed anymore, except as required for open meeting law compliance.

Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda

- McClintock bike Lane on December 19
- 5th Street Project on December 19
- Sustainability Award on December 19
- State of Neighborhood Event requested by Braden Kay – January

- Software options by MetroQuest requested by Commissioner Wiek – January

Commissioner Redman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jung seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.

Prepared by: Carla Sidi
Reviewed by: Don Bessler