



## Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission January 17, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission held on Monday, January 17, 2017, 4:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Garden Level, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

John F. Kane (Chair)  
Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)  
Alix Monty  
Arnim Wiek  
Leah Gibbons

Corey Hawkey – phone  
Gretchen Reinhardt  
Carol Hu

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jessica Hauer  
Colin Tetreault  
Anne Gill

**City Staff Present:**

Don Bessler, Public Works Director  
Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager

Carla Sidi, Executive Assistant

**Guests Present:**

Ashley Goldstein, HPU Graduate  
Shannon Reed, City of Tempe  
Kiki Hooton, ASU School of Sustainability Student

Councilmember Lauren Kuby  
Ashley Camhi, Stronger Together AZ  
Ambika Adhikari, City of Tempe

Chair Kane called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance**

Chair Kane introduced the new Sustainability Chair Kane introduced the new Sustainability Commissioner, Leah Gibbons. Leah was appointed to serve as a Doctoral Student from ASU. Her term will expire on December 31, 2017.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chair Kane introduced the minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**Motion:** Commissioner Jung  
**Second:** Commissioner Wiek  
**Decision:** Approved

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### **Agenda Item 3 – Recap Previous Presentations**

Commissioner Reinhardt talked about the Arizona's Energy Resilience Summit: Local to Global Perspective event. The event was very successful and approximately 107 people attended it.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Software options presentation by Metro Quest**

Commissioner Weik talked about the software from Metro Quest, an engagement software tool that allows residents to give feedback in real time. General discussion ensued around

- How to make public engagement more meaningful - the purpose of public engagement:
  - inform
  - consult
  - collaborative exchange
- Make public involvement more accessible

Conversation about the importance of public engagement and what tools City current uses. Create more legitimacy behind the decision making process so that important policy and informed decisions do not get overturned by people that decide to engage after the fact. .

Commissioner Weik will have a visual presentation about the software on an upcoming meeting.

### **Agenda Item 5 – County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program & Family Justice Commission**

Commissioner Monty talked about the Family Justice Commission meeting she attended.

She gave an overview about the County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention program. The City of Phoenix, HUD department, initiated the program through a grant resource to test for lead contamination from different sources.

Don explained the city has program in water testing for lead and other metals and referred the commission to the web page for more information

### **Agenda Item 6 – Sustainability Manager Work Plan**

Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager, presented a draft of this work plan. The work plan is aligned with Council Priority #4 Implementing sustainable growth. He also talked about the upcoming opportunities with ASU. On April 6, Braden will present the work plan to the City Council at the Work Study Session meeting.

Braden talked about the Tempe greenhouse gas inventory which is part of the Global Compact of Mayors for Climate & Energy.

- Braden explained some of the challenges, goals and performance measures
- Commission feedback on projects
- Commission brainstorm about selecting 2 or 3 performances goals and timeline

In order to support the work off the Public works Department and the work plan for the Sustainability Manager, Sustainability Commission voted (8-0) to create two sustainability sub-committees on the following issues:

- Water
- Urban Core Infrastructure

**Motion:** Commissioner Jung

**Second:** Commissioner Wiek

**Decision:** Approved

**Agenda Item 7 – State of Neighborhood Event**

Braden explained that has been working with the Neighborhood Service Team, they will bring a few speakers and also want to create a citizen action guide for sustainability.

- Discussion about how to better engage neighborhoods

**Agenda Item 8 – Council Referrals**

Deferred to the next meeting

**Agenda Item 9 – Staff Updates**

5<sup>th</sup> street- Eric will have present to the Sustainability Commission in February

Water Rate – City Council approved last week a COW Committee to study this issue

McClintock Bike lane – Council approved scope of work and the proposed process for public engagement

**Agenda Item 10 – Housekeeping items**

Sustainability Commissioners voted (8-0) to reappoint Commissioner Kane as the Chair, and Commissioners Jung as the Vice Chair. A motion was made to approve the reappointment.

**Motion:** Commissioner Hu

**Second:** Commissioner Monty

**Decision:** Approved

**Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda**

2018 Retreat – February 2017

Sustainability Subcommittees – February 2017

Efforts for Earth Week–February 2017

State of Neighborhood– February 2017

Commissioner Jung made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Hu seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Prepared by: Carla Sidi

Reviewed by: Don Bessler