



Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission April 17, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission held on Monday, April 17, 2017, 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
Colin Tetreault – phone

Gretchen Reinhardt
Anne Gill
Corey Hawkey

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Jessica Hauer
Leah Gibbons

Arnim Wiek
Carol Hu

City Staff Present:

Don Bessler, Public Works Director
Carla Sidi, Executive Assistant

Guests Present:

Councilmember Lauren Kuby

Chair Kane called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Kane introduced the minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting and asked for a motion. Commissioner Gill suggested changing the title of item 6 to Urban Forest.

A motion was made to approve the minutes with the suggested change.

Motion: Commissioner Gill

Second: Commissioner Kendon

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Recap Previous Presentations

None

Agenda Item 4 – State of Neighborhood & Sustainability Award

Commissioners were reminded of the State of Neighborhood this coming Saturday, April 22. The Mayor will present the two 2017 Sustainability Awards. Commissioners Monty and Hu worked on the speaking points. Chair Kane asked them to send the speaking points to Alec Thomson, Mayoral Aide.

Agenda Item 5 – Subcommittees

Carla Sidi, PW Executive Assistant, sent to City Council, through a Friday packet, the two subcommittees' Notification to City Council for Creation of a Subcommittee. These subcommittees shall sunset within one (1) year of creation, or until its intended purpose has been met.

The Water Subcommittee will be formed by the Sustainability Commissioners:

- Alix Monty
- Kendon Jung
- Gretchen Reinhardt

The Urban Core Subcommittee will be formed by the Sustainability Commissioners:

- Corey Hawkey
- Carol Hu
- John Kane

Discussion regarding subcommittee rules. The two subcommittees will need two commissioners to have a quorum. Carla will send them the commissions and subcommittees rules and procedures document. The two subcommittees will send Carla the date, location and agenda for their first meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Commission 2017 Retreat

Commissioners discussed the 2017 retreat format, content, facilitator and different date ranges. Commissioners would like to brainstorm more to determine their tangible outcomes.

Carla will look for a few different weekends during the month of June at the Eisendrath House and send out to the Commissioners.

Agenda Item 7 – Council Referral

-Rainwater Harvesting pilot project process

This item will be referred to the Water Subcommittee

Agenda Item 8 – Staff Updates

Don gave an update about the water rate study. The city hired Six Degrees Consultants, to help collect a more comprehensive public opinion for two customer types identified by City Council, high single family residential users and flood irrigation. A series of customer workshops will address solid waste, water rates, conservation, how people feel about water and other issues related to these topics and introduce different service strategies. First series of the workshop started last week.

On April 27th, Wastewater Update will be presented to City Council during the Work Study Session to talk about the long range planning for wastewater. The intention is to continue to support regionalism and re-establish local solutions.

The Water Rate will be presented to City Council in late summer to early fall.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda

2017 Retreat – May 2017

Sustainability Subcommittees Report back – May 2017

ASU Climate Initiative – May 2017

McClintock Update – June 2017

Commissioner Hawkey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jung seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Prepared by: Carla Sidi

Reviewed by: Don Bessler