



Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission October 16, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission held on Tuesday, October 16, 2017, 4:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

John F. Kane (Chair)	Gretchen Reinhardt
Alix Monty	Arnim Wiek
Stephanie Milam-Edwards	Anne Gill

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Colin Tetreault	Corey Hawkey
Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)	Leah Gibbons
Carol Hu	

City Staff Present:

Marilyn DeRosa, Deputy Public Works Director - Engineering
Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager
Grace DelMonte Kelly, Energy Management Coordinator
Eric Iwersen, Transit Manager

Guests Present:

Lauren Kuby, Councilmember

Chair Kane called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance

None.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Kane introduced the minutes of the September 19 & September 30 meetings and asked for a motion.

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Monty

Second: Commissioner Wiek

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Recap Previous Presentations

There was no presentation to be recapped or that needed clarification.

Agenda Item 4 – Water Subcommittee Updates

Sustainability Manager Braden Kay talked about the Sustainability Commission recommendation on rainwater harvesting letter and the importance of rain water harvesting.

He said Mesa has a toolkit for Low Impact Development standards. Tucson has written LID into their code. ASU is writing guidelines that are more detailed for Tempe. The two immediate investments are at the Fire Station 7 and a pilot project for 100% rainwater capture in the retrofit of 5th Street.

Ten cities have supported the creation of the ASU LID manual. Braden Kay said we want to be the first city to adopt it. Braden said the water rate recommendation letter and rainwater harvesting memo with go to City Council at the same time. The Commission can help to set the goal to be the first city to adopt LID standards and be clear about what staff is recommending.

A motion was made to approve the rainwater harvesting memo with an edit to include transferability.

Motion: Commissioner Wiek

Second: Commissioner Milam-Edwards

Decision: Approved

Staff will edit rainwater harvesting letter and forward to Council.

Agenda Item 5 – Streetcar update

Transit Manager, Eric Iwersen, presented an update of the Streetcar design, timeline and public art. Eric said the project update is going to council later this week. He talked about design progress, utility relocation and construction, business assistance and concept designs for the streetcar, stops and public art.

Commissioners recommended more shade at stations and more integration with PV and trees.

Eric Iwersen said they anticipate construction in 2018, testing in 2020 and 2021 opening.

Agenda Item 6 – 5th Street/ Farmer

Transit Manager, Eric Iwersen, presented the design concepts for 5th Street and Farmer to College. The project is moving along well and is going to council in January. Eric said the design goals are: mobility for all, increase on street parking, 25% canopy goal, 100% rainfall capture. The Sustainability commission recommended two goals be met in this project, 25% tree canopy and 100% rainfall capture. Staff is studying removing the turn lane in the mid-block area to allow for wider landscape islands and on street parking.

Agenda Item 7 – Council 2017 Report

A motion was made to approve the Sustainability Commission 2017 Annual report.

Motion: Commissioner Milam-Edwards

Second: Commissioner Monty

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 8 – Urban Core Subcommittee Updates

Next month this item will be on the regular agenda.

Agenda Item 9 – Housekeeping Items

For future staff presentations, staff need to put 10 - 15 minutes on the agenda. We need presentations in advance so that commissioners could ask questions in advance. Also, 15 minutes for one-off projects not in a priority area. If the item is in the priority area, allow for more time for presentation and Q & A.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda

Urban Food

November focus on Water

December focus on Energy

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner Wiek

Second: Commissioner Gill

Decision: Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Prepared by: Grace DeMonte Kelly

Reviewed by: Braden Kay & Carla Sidi