



## Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission January 22, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2018, 4:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, City Hall, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

John F. Kane (Chair)

Stephanie Milam-Edwards

Kendon Jung (Vice Chair) (phone)

Colin Tetreault (phone)

Gretchen Reinhardt

Arnim Wiek

Alix Monty

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Corey Hawkey

Anne Gill

**City Staff Present:**

Marilyn DeRosa, Deputy Public Works Director - Engineering

Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager

Grace DelMonte Kelly, Energy Management Coordinator

Holly Rosenthal, Deputy Public Works Director – Water

Gretchen Baumgardner, Water Resources Manager

Chair Kane called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance**

None.

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

Chair Kane introduced the minutes of the December 18 meeting and asked for a motion.

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**Motion:** Commissioner Monty

**Second:** Commissioner Milam-Edwards

**Decision:** Approved

**Agenda Item 3 – Recap Previous Presentations**

There were no presentations to be recapped or that needed clarification.

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#### Agenda Item 4 – Water Policy and Water Subcommittee Updates

The Commission wanted to meet Deputy Public Works Director - Water Holly Rosenthal, get an update and send the final set of recommendations to Council regarding the Subcommittee Water Recommendation. Deputy Public Works Director – Engineering Marilyn De Rosa said the Water Subcommittee met, they are recommending policies and wanted to talk with Holly about how these recommendations correspond to existing programs and in what way they could be supporting and encourage council to be supportive of water utility's programs.

Commissioner Monty said they started by establishing goals, values and guiding principles as a framework. They started discussing this at the yearly retreat and they wanted to create roadmap. A draft was created and they received feedback from commissioners. Commissioner Reinhardt said they understand that they are not going to change the code but are hoping to establish a framework to get there.

Chair Kane said the commission recommended 2 city projects move forward with water conservation measures including retention in the right-of-way along 5<sup>th</sup> Street and rain capture at the new Fire Station 7. Chair Kane summarized the original email and utility rate recommendations and discussed the LID handbook that the city is working on.

The subcommittee requested direction from Holly. Holly said she would make edits and revisions and submit to the subcommittee. Holly Rosenthal and Gretchen Baumgardner will attend the February 12<sup>th</sup> Water subcommittee meeting and discuss proposed edits with the subcommittee.

#### Agenda Item 5 – Climate Action Plan

Sustainability Manager Braden Kay gave an update on the city's climate action plan. He discussed what a climate action plan looks like and how to develop it. He said in the 18-month process, they hope to attract more grants. The benefits of a climate action plan include energy efficiency, urban forestry, equity, sustainable development, biodiversity and public health. He said he would like to expand our outreach to residences, businesses, and schools. Chair Kane said the commission would like to be involved in the climate action plan process.

Braden said there is some budget left and he would like the commission's permission to spend it to hire interns to work on the climate action plan.

A motion was made to spend funding on interns to work on the climate action plan for the rest of the year.

**Motion:** Commissioner Wiek

**Second:** Commissioner Monty

**Decision:** Approved

The commission requested a future presentation from the intern on climate action plan updates.

#### Agenda Item 6 – Renewable Energy Target Working Group Meeting

Energy Management Coordinator Grace Kelly presented the renewable energy target working group update. The working group recommended the city adopt a goal of carbon neutrality in city operations by 2050 with strategy of 100% renewable energy by 2035. The council will review the proposal at their work study session on February 15 and will vote on the proposal at their regular council meeting on March 8.

A motion was made to support the recommendation and in 18 months revisit it once the climate action plan is complete and re-evaluate the goal.

**Motion:** Commissioner Milam-Edwards

**Second:** Commissioner Wiek

**Decision:** Approved

**Agenda Item 7- Calendar Update & Strategic Plan**

The item was continued to the next meeting.

**Agenda Item 8 – Housekeeping Items**

The position of Chair will be placed on the next meeting's agenda and voted on.

**Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda**

Agenda topics for next meeting:

Water Subcommittee

LID Handbook

A motion was made to adjourn.

**Motion:** Commissioner Monty

**Second:** Commissioner Wiek

**Decision:** Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Prepared by: Grace DelMonte Kelly

Reviewed by: Carla Sidi