



## Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission December 18, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission meeting held on Monday, December 18, 2017, 4:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, City Hall, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)  
Stephanie Milam-Edwards  
Colin Tetreault (phone)  
Alix Monty

Gretchen Reinhardt  
Annim Wiek  
Anne Gill

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

John F. Kane (Chair)  
Corey Hawkey

**City Staff Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Victor Pereyra, Arizona Sustainability Alliance  
Ashley Cambi, Arizona Sustainability Alliance

Jeff Grout, Arizona Sustainability Alliance  
Randy Miller, Arizona Sustainability Alliance

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

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance**

Vice Chair Jung asked for members of the public to introduce themselves.

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

Vice Chair Jung introduced the minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting and asked for a motion.

A motion was made to approve the minutes with an edit to include the name of Local First Arizona representative who attended the last meeting.

**Motion:** Commissioner Monty

**Second:** Commissioner Tetreault

**Decision:** Approved

**Agenda Item 3 – Recap Previous Presentations**

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

**Agenda Item 4 – Sustainable Business Opportunities**

Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager, said there are two requests for sustainable business sponsorships. The Tempe Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$5000 for the sustainability pledge and Local First Arizona is requesting \$12,500 for three years for a sustainable businesses program. He made a correction from the previous meeting that funding in the commission's budget is not for marketing/sponsorship but rather for research and consultants. He said there are three options: (1) the commission could make the recommendation and staff will find funding in the existing budget or (2) the commission could make it an on-going request in the budget and he could submit a supplemental funding request that could get funded next year or (3) they could recommend the organizations apply for Innovation Fund money this year, a one-time pot of money for one-time applications.

The commission requested metrics to evaluate what these campaigns yield and said that a one-year commitment would be good so that the agency could come back and report on how the money was spent and provide metrics. Commissioners said they are looking for evidence that these campaigns work.

A motion was made to recommend sponsorship of \$5000 for the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Pledge for one year from the existing budget. In one year, the Chamber will report back to the commission with metrics to evaluate the impact of the pledge.

**Motion:** Commissioner Milam-Edwards

**Second:** Commissioner Monty

**Decision:** Approved 6-0, Commissioner Gill abstained

A motion was made to recommend that Local First Arizona apply for the Innovation Fund and that the commission supports their application.

**Motion:** Commissioner Tetreault

**Second:** Commissioner Milam-Edwards Monty

**Decision:** Approved

**Agenda Item 5 – Water Subcommittee Updates**

Commissioner Monty gave an overview of the water subcommittee work and noted the Commission recommendation to accept the proposed 2018 water rates at a recent council meeting. Vice Chair Jung said the subcommittee worked on two documents, the values and guiding principles and the roadmap and strategies. He will send the documents to the commission and requested comments and edits by January 12<sup>th</sup>. Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager, said they will take the edited document and send it to Water Utilities staff for the next meeting and the commission can present it to Water Utilities staff.

**Agenda Item 6 – Urban Core Subcommittee Updates**

No updates.

**Agenda Item 7 – 2018 Neighborhood Awards – Sustainability Award**

Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager asked the commission if they would like to have a Sustainability Award again this year to be presented at the State of Neighborhoods in April.

The commission thought it was successful last year and discussed doing it again this year. They discussed how to promote it. Braden Kay said he will get in touch with the City's Communications team and see how they would like to promote it.

**Agenda Item 8 – Housekeeping Items**

The commission discussed the agenda structure. They want to have an agenda of priorities for the next year to evaluate if the commission is making progress on the three goals developed in the September retreat. They can design the agenda to chart out the next year to cover items from retreat.

**Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda**

Agenda topics for next meeting:

Water Utilities Leadership

Climate Action Plan

Renewable Energy Target Update

Calendar Update

LID (Light Impact Development) handbook

For January Sustainability Commission meeting, invite Holly Rosenthal, new Deputy PW Director - Water, to January Sustainability Commission meeting so the commission can share their work with Holly.

Next meeting will be on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A motion was made to adjourn.

**Motion:** Commissioner Monty

**Second:** Commissioner Milam-Edwards

**Decision:** Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Prepared by: Grace DeMonte Kelly

Reviewed by: Carla Sidi