



Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission September 19, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission held on Tuesday, September 19, 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
Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)	Arnim Wiek
Alix Monty	Corey Hawkey
Carol Hu (phone)	

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Anne Gill	Leah Gibbons
Colin Tetreault	Stephanie Milam-Edwards

City Staff Present:

Don Bessler, Public Works Director
Marilyn DeRosa, Deputy Public Works Director - Engineering
Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager
Carla Sidi, Executive Assistant
Robert Yabes, Principal Planner
Chase Walman, Transportation Planner
Grace DelMonte Kelly, Energy Management Coordinator

Guests Present:

Korrina Hensley, ASU
Angie Marino, ASU
Sukki Jahnke, Tempe Chamber of Commerce

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance

Members of the public introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Kane introduced the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Jung

Second: Commissioner Monty

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 3 – Recap Previous Presentations

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

Agenda Item 4 – Country Club Way Bike Lane Project

Principal Planner Robert Yabes and Planner Chase Walman provided information about the Country Club Way Project. The bike boulevard project includes lighting, landscape, street crossings, railroad crossing and public art. Three public meetings were held to ask for priorities and what should be included in the design.

The planners were asked what happens after the design is submitted to MAG. Chase Walman said they send the preliminary assessment to MAG and then once funding is secured, they can move forward to get final design funding. They will request federal funds. Next funding cycle is 2021.

A motion was made to write a recommendation letter to support the bike lane project.

Motion: Commissioner Reinhardt

Second: Commissioner Jung

Decision: Approved

Robert Yabes and Chase Walman will draft the letter and send it to Carla.

Agenda Item 5 – Water Subcommittee Updates

Commissioner Monty said the subcommittee has written a letter to forward to Council in support of the water rate case and presented the draft letter.

Don Bessler said there are two public meetings, then staff will go back to Council on November 9th. Second hearing will be in late November based on Council feedback.

A motion was made to forward a letter to Council to support the water rate recommendations. Edits will be made by the water subcommittee and the final draft of the letter will be sent to Chair Kane for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Jung

Second: Commissioner Monty

Decision: Approved

Commissioner Monty said the subcommittee formalized their guiding principles and values and could discuss it more at their next meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Urban Core Subcommittee Updates

Braden Kay introduced the item. Staff met with Principal Planner Ambika Adhikari in charge of the urban core plan and gave him recommendations made by the Sustainability Commission.

Commissioner Hawkey recommended that the commission write a letter to support the urban forestry plan.

A motion was made for the Urban Core Subcommittee to write a letter to support the urban forestry plan.

Motion: Commissioner Hawkey

Second: Commissioner Wiek

Decision: Approved

Agenda Item 7 – Sustainability Commission 2017 Retreat

The Sustainability Commission retreat will be held on Saturday, September 30th at 8:00 am at the Eisendrath House.

The retreat agenda will include:

- Budget, what it is and how it works
- Lauren will spend 90 minutes to facilitate an activity on Audacious Goals
- Strategic Goals of the City
- Look at Council priorities, strategic goals and performance measures and brainstorm on how the commission's work can contribute toward the city making progress on these goals.

Agenda Item 8 – Urban Food Update

Next month this item will be on the regular agenda.

Agenda Item 9 – Staff Updates

None.

Agenda Item 10 – Housekeeping Items

None.

Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner Monty

Second: Commissioner Wiek

Decision: Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm.

Prepared by: Grace DelMonte Kelly

Reviewed by: Don Bessler & Carla Sidi