



Minutes City of Tempe Water Sustainability Commission Subcommittee May 9, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Water Sustainability Subcommittee held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 5:30 p.m., at the Connections Café at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Alix Monty
Gretchen Reinhardt

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Kendon Jung

City Staff Present:

Grace DelMonte Kelly, Energy Management Coordinator
Gretchen Baumgardner, Water Resources Manager

Guests Present:

Commissioner Monty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance

There were no residents or members of the public present.

Agenda Item 2 – Review of Water Topics

Commissioner Alix Monty presented an outline of water related issues previously addressed by the Sustainability Commission:

- Compact of Mayors
- Current City Water Utilities Water Conservation programs and Greywater initiatives
- Current Priorities of Water Conservation in Tempe
- Suggestions from Public Works Director Don Bessler to update building codes for greywater
- Water Conservation Working Group's recommendation for a Rainwater Harvesting Pilot program
- Council Working Group is working on the Water Rate issue
- City of Tempe Sustainability Manger – Plan, Water Conservation Programs and Water Rate Study
- Development projects and water conservation potential
 - 5th street renovation
 - Fire Station #7
 - Streetcar development and storm water drain system
 - Multi-family development expansion
 - Urban Forestry Plan
 - Greenlight Solutions Eco-District assessment

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- Collaboration with other Commissions
 - Collaboration with Council Working Group on water rate study
 - Use of software such as Metro Quest to engage the public
 - Hayden Butte Preserve Management Plan
 - Highline Canal Multi-use path project
 - Sustainability Cities Institute and the National League of cities (NLC) pilot program on Leadership in Community Resilience
 - Opportunities to partner with other municipalities

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion Priorities

The group discussed the following as priorities for the subcommittee action plan:

- Water rates
- Rain water harvesting and pilot project
- Greywater codes
- Climate – water, development, planning and resiliency

The commissioners and staff discussed a potential role for the subcommittee in providing a citizen perspective on the water rate study and encouraging more residents to come to water rates public meetings.

Keep as an agenda item for next meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Rainwater Harvesting

Commissioner Monty and Commissioner Reinhardt discussed that the Sustainability Commission will all be looking at this topic. The subcommittee can look into best practices and make recommendations to the commission. One idea is a pilot project to address multi-family best practices. Commissioner Monty looked at Tucson best practices. The commissioners will come back with research and best practices on Rainwater harvesting.

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Agenda Item 5 – Future Guest Speaker

Commissioner Monty and Commissioner Reinhardt discussed that they would like to have the following speakers in the future:

- Water Resources Manager Gretchen Baumgardner to present an overview of the City of Tempe's Water portfolio and how it compares to other cities
- Watershed Management group
- Jeremy Mikus- City of Tempe Stormwater Management

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

Continue brainstorming for the Subcommittee's action plan. Re-agendize items 3, 4, 5 to the next March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

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