



## Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission November 19, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission meeting held on Monday, November 19, 2018, 4:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, City Hall, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Corey Hawkey (Chair)  
Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)  
John F. Kane  
Arnim Wiek  
Anne Gill

Gretchen Reinhardt  
Alix Monty  
Ryan Mores  
Stephanie Milam-Edwards

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Reyna Olvey

**City Staff Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

None

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

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance**

No members of the public were present.

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

Chair Hawkey introduced the minutes of the October 15th meeting. Vice Chair Jung made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mores seconded.

**Motion:** Vice Chair Jung

**Second:** Commissioner Mores

**Decision:** Approved 8-0

Voted to Approve:

Corey Hawkey (Chair)

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Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)  
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**Agenda Item 3 – Chair Update**

Chair Hawkey said there was no update.

**Agenda Item 4 – Annual Report to Council**

Sustainability Director Braden Kay presented the annual report to council and asked if the commission had any input.

Chair Hawkey said sometimes it is hard to remember what we've done. He said there has been a lot of movement in this space and he is glad we were able to take part of it. There's a lot to be proud of here.

Braden thanked everyone who came to events related to the climate action plan. He said we need to continue to get more effective at doing that and making strong recommendations and making sure those recommendations are heard by council. Cities struggle to make sure their climate action plans turn into strong investments in the community. We're trying to make the time we spend on those issues as effective as possible.

Commissioner Monty made a motion to approve the annual report to Council.

**Motion:** Commissioner Monty

**Second:** Vice Chair Jung

**Decision:** Approved 8-0

Voted to Approve:  
Corey Hawkey (Chair)  
Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)  
John F. Kane  
Anne Gill  
Arnim Wiek  
Alix Monty  
Stephanie Milam-Edwards  
Ryan Mores

Commissioner Gretchen Reinhardt abstained.

**Agenda Item 5 – Sustainable Construction and Infrastructure**

Braden said we spoke about what recommendations we'd like to make to council, we constructed a draft of our recommendation. Our intent is to get Council to read this and decide there needs to be a working group to dig into this deeper.

Braden said the commission has had a chance to review and comment and adjustments were made based on commissioner comments. We made sure these goals are referenced to the corresponding performance measure and we referred to the council working group water memo for storm water re-use.

A commissioner suggested that city council adopt performance measures for example for air quality. There was discussion on how to tackle air quality in individual projects. It could be a performance metric or could be a third category.

Braden said the commission had a presentation a few months ago and the presenter said their needs to be action on air quality. You can take that into consideration in the policy we make. How much do we emphasize air quality in infrastructure projects? Outside of state, county and federal regulations, what else can we do to support air quality? If we want to have a performance measure for air quality, that is a separate thing than municipal infrastructure.

He stated if you all would like to propose a performance measure, we need to have a conversation on air quality but not necessarily in the context of building a bus stop or designing a park improvement.

The commission discussed each item in the letter to council. Those items that say "maximize" don't necessarily have a performance measure, so we could let council know that needs to be developed.

A commissioner said we are here to support council goals and if we're going to get something through, we are looking at the goals they set and we hope to maximize areas where there are no goals yet.

The commission structured the letter to council as recommending that municipal projects under consideration need to meet or exceed the four listed outcomes which are council adopted goals. Seven additional outcomes that do not have specific performance measures were added.

The commission recommended revisions to the recommendation letter. Commissioner Wiek made motion to approve revised letter to Council. Commissioner Milam-Edwards seconded the motion.

**Motion:** Commissioner Wiek

**Second:** Commissioner Milam-Edwards

**Decision:** Approved 9-0

Voted to Approve:

Corey Hawkey (Chair)

Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)

John F. Kane

Arnim Wiek

Anne Gill

Alix Monty

Stephanie Milam-Edwards

Ryan Mores

Gretchen Reinhardt

Commissioner Milam-Edwards made a motion to edit the annual report to Council to read "monitor" under sustainable construction and infrastructure goal in the annual report. Commissioner Wiek seconded. All approved 9-0.

**Motion:** Commissioner Milam-Edwards

**Second:** Commissioner Wiek

**Decision:** Approved 9-0

Voted to Approve:

Corey Hawkey (Chair)

Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)

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Anne Gill  
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**Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items:**

Marilyn, Braden and Gregg Kent will come back to the Commission to present pilot project options for sustainable construction and infrastructure.

Braden will bring in calendar of future agenda items and topics for the commission, so the group can look at the upcoming presenters, topics and dates.

Braden said he will bring forward a proposal for what needs to be accomplished in 2019. Once the commission sees that, they can decide what to add or subtract.

Chair Hawkey said in a rapidly changing state, we have a sustainability director and a council that is involved, I think we're very fortunate, I applaud you and the team.

**Agenda Item 7 – Housekeeping Items**

At the next meeting, there will be a vote on the future chair of the commission.

Chair Hawkey said Vice Chair Jung expressed interest. Commissioner Monty and Chair Hawkey are leaving. It would be important to have dialogue between the Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Wiek expressed interest in serving as vice chair. Once we have nominations, we'll take vote.

Chair Hawkey made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

**Motion:** Chair Hawkey

**Second:** Commissioner Monty

**Decision:** Approved 9-0, all present approved

Voted to Approve:

Corey Hawkey (Chair)  
Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)  
John F. Kane  
Arnim Wiek  
Anne Gill  
Gretchen Reinhardt  
Alix Monty  
Stephanie Milam-Edwards  
Ryan Mores

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Prepared by: Grace DelMonte Kelly  
Reviewed by: Braden Kay