



Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission August 19, 2019

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission meeting held on Monday, August 19, 2019, 4:30 p.m., at the Engineering & Transportation Conference Room, City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Kendon Jung (Chair)
Ryan Mores (Vice Chair)
Barbie Burke
Steven Russell
Sukkie Jahnke

Stephanie Milam-Edwards
Serita Sulzman
Katja Brundiers
Gretchen Reinhardt

(MEMBERS) Absent:

John Kane

City Staff Present:

Braden Kay, Sustainability Director
Grace DelMonte Kelly, Energy Management Coordinator

Guests Present:

Suzanne Kraemes
Mike Bok
Alex Grimes
Ashley Cami

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

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance

Chair Jung asked the guests to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Jung introduced the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Milam-Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Burke seconded.

Motion: Commissioner Milam-Edwards

Second: Commissioner Burke

Decision: Approved 7-0

Voted to Approve:

Kendon Jung (Chair)
Ryan Mores (Vice Chair)
Barbie Burke
Steven Russell
Stephanie Milam-Edwards
Serita Sulzman
Katja Brundiers

Commissioners Jahnke and Reinhardt abstained.

Agenda Item 3 – Grants Update

Sustainability Director Braden Kay provided updates on grants.

- Health Impact Project
 - Working to collect heat data for playgrounds
 - Survey of Directors interested in how arterial walls impact heat
 - We would like to select walls that do not increase the urban heat island
 - Different way to collect heat information:
 - Mobile data
 - Weather sensors
 - Infrared photo technology
 - Survey
 - Questions when we do bi-annual survey
 - Heat walk along playground
- Partner with Urban Land Institute (ULI) on affordable housing and sustainable place making.
 - Council approved the affordable housing strategy 3 weeks ago. ULI grant will help us figure out how to move forward with that strategy.
- We were co-applicants on the Green Infrastructure working group to all-hazard mitigation plan with the City of Phoenix.
 - We've partnered with Maricopa County Flood Control District and Phoenix on workshops with EPA and FEMA. The new emergency manager can help with this. This will be a place to get funding.
- Braden thanked Mike Bell for his leadership. He got Maryann Corder grants to address a neighborhood challenge, to fund trees on private property.
- The urban forestry plan is trees on public lands, If Mike Bell's project is successful, there will be 40 trees planted on private property. This is a good example of neighbors getting together to find opportunities to help with climate action.

Agenda Item 4 – Climate Action Plan Approval Timeline

Sustainability Director Braden Kay gave the following timeline:

- August 27 – Draft Climate Action Plan released
- September 5 – Work Study Session presentation
- September 10 – Public Meeting at the Library
- September 30 - plan comment period closes
- November 7, 2019 – council adoption

Braden said Commissioners can meet with council before or after work study session meeting. Council will be presented with a new performance measure for community carbon neutrality on October 24th.

Agenda Item 5 - Climate Action Plan 1.0

Chair Kendon Jung thanked commissioners for responding to meeting scheduling invites. He said there will be one person per focus area to meet with a council member. We will work to schedule these meetings. We are all versed on the climate action plan.

Commissioners commented and asked:

- Has the commission met individually with council members?
- Can you walk through the appointment? How do we prepare?
- They will hear about the technical aspects from us.
- We need to explain the concepts in the climate action plan to council members.

Braden said as we talk about the climate action plan, we will tell them about our four highlighted actions, our ideas to collaborate and help them understand 45% of emissions come from transportation. We are trying to make the climate action relatable. Braden said each of you bring a relatable story on why you're on the commission. Council will see a presentation on transportation demand management. Your role is to present the information and decide how to grow the ideas and convey that to others.

Agenda Item 6 - Climate Action Plan 2.0 Guiding Principles

Sustainability Director Braden Kay said we will present the twelve actions and four highlight actions to council and we will present the guiding principles for climate action plan 2.0. From Portland, we learned to start simple and show:

1. Fiscal responsibility
2. Evidence / effectiveness
3. Engagement
4. Enterprise
5. Equity

We now have grants and pilot projects driving them. We want these to continue to be on your radar. Once we have approval on the guiding principles, the first climate action plan is about initial steps and how we engage neighborhoods.

Agenda Item 7 – Housekeeping Items

There is a youth climate summit on September 7th at 8:30 am at the student pavilion. Paul Hirt will give the keynote speech. He will help students understand what role they play and train students to be organized on their own for climate action.

- Dr. Katherine Hayhoe, a globally-renown climate scientist will be speaking on “Talking Climate: Bridging the Divides” on September 24th as ASU’s GIOS Julie Ann Wrigley speaker, and in partnership with the Arizona Faith Network (AFN), Arizona Interfaith Power and Light (AZIPL), Citizen’s Climate Lobby and quite a few other local organizations.
- Elders’ Climate Action is sponsoring a Climate Town Hall at Temple Emanuel on August 29th at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

There will be a solid waste rate study update next meeting and an Urban Core Master Plan update.

A motion was made to adjourn.

All approved 9 – 0

Motion: Commissioner Russell
Second: Commissioner Jahnke

Decision: Approved

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Ryan Mores (Vice Chair)
Barbie Burke
Steven Russell
Stephanie Milam-Edwards
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Katja Brundiers
Gretchen Reinhardt
Sukki Jahnke

All present approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Prepared by: Grace DelMonte Kelly
Reviewed by: Braden Kay