



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

August 14, 2013
4:30 – 6:00 pm

City Hall, Staff Conference Room
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona

A quorum of the Flagstaff City Council may be in attendance of the Sustainability Commission meeting.



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CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Kim Lucy, Chair
Kathy Farretta, Vice Chair
Elisha Dorfsmith
Aregai Tecele
Jack Welch

CITY STAFF:

Nicole Woodman
Tamara Lawless
Nicole Denering

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Jamie Samana
Jodi Norris

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair Kim Lucy called the July Sustainability Commission Meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Public Participation

At this time, any member of the public may address the Commission on any subject that is not scheduled before the Commission on that day. The Arizona Open Meeting Law prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on an item which is criticism made by those addressing the Commission, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. To address the Commission on an item that is on the agenda, please wait for the Chair to call for Public Comment at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of Minutes

Jack Welch moved to approve the July minutes and Elisha Dorfsmith seconded.

4. Discussion Items

A. My Energy Pro Public Page- Tamara Lawless

Tamara Lawless informed the Commission that public access to My Energy Pro will be available online in the near future. The site will be hosted on the Sustainability Program

website and Tamara will let the Commission know when the site is live. Staff will make a short tutorial video to post with the site explaining how to use My Energy Pro.

B. Resolution Recognizing the Rights of Individuals and Groups to Grow and Consume their own Food – All

The Commission discussed the legal weight of the resolution and that it is in line with current zoning and land use laws. Action item A was moved to this discussion and Kathy Farretta motioned for the Sustainability Commission to support City Council making this a resolution and Aregai Tecele seconded. Commission Chair Kim Lucy called for a vote on the motion and all voted in favor.

C. Animal Keeping– Nicole Woodman

Nicole Woodman provided an update on the current status of the Animal Keeping Code update. The Sustainability Program is reaching out to the community to collect feedback on the code update developed by Sustainability Program staff. Commissioner Jodi Norris and several large animal vets whom were asked to review the proposed code commented that too many large animals are allowed in the new proposal and the number should be lowered. After this comment and review period, the Animal Keeping Code update will be sent to the Zoning Code Administrator.

D. Information Distributed to the Commission – Nicole Woodman

Nicole Woodman clarified that as the staff liaison she distributes information provided by the public to the Commission without partialness or editing.

E. Plastic Bags Next Steps – All

The Commission discussed how to move forward with the plastic bag ban as the Commission voted in 2012 to collect data and provide suggestions to City Council. Nicole Woodman will send out short term and long term goals as discussed in 2012 to Commissioners to prepare a potential strategy for community engagement.

5. To and From – Staff

Nicole Woodman informed the Commission Jamie Samana will be moving to California and a new Commissioner will need to be appointed. Aregai Tecele asked Commissioners to consider moving the meeting day. Nicole Woodman will create a Doodle Poll to find out a potential meeting time. Nicole Denering notified the Commission the next free DIY Energy Efficiency workshop will be held Tuesday, September 10 at 6pm at the East Flagstaff Community Library and all are welcome to attend. Nicole Woodman updated the Commission on the City's two reclaimed water contracts with Continental and Pine Canyon golf courses. Kathy Farretta inquired about FUSD's sustainability goals and actions in the community and Nicole Woodman will reach out to the District and invite a speaker to inform the Commission.

8. Agenda Items for Next Month

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim Lucy; the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.