



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

January 8, 2014
4:30 – 6:00 pm

Willow Bend Environmental Education Center
703 East Sawmill Rd, 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:

Kathy Farretta, Chair
Todd Barnell
Elisha Dorfsmith
Jodi Norris
Kevin Ordean
Jeffery Stevenson
Jack Welch

CITY STAFF:

Nicole Woodman
Tamara Lawless
McKenzie Jones
Nicole Denering

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair Kathy Farretta called the January 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 December minutes and Kevin Ordean seconded.

4. Discussion Items

A. Strategic Planning- All

Commissioners shared ideas on what a sustainable community looks like 20 years from now. Commissioner Ordean shared the idea of fostering a resilient and self-sufficient Flagstaff. Commissioner Dorfsmith focused on locally-grown food and a self-sustaining food community. Commissioner Barnell discussed increasing interactions with the natural

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world as well as opportunities to experience open space and parks through beautification. Commissioner Welch focused on plastic bag reduction and litter responsibility and education. Commissioner Norris discussed water conservation and efficiency as well as the need for additional winter transportation solutions in Flagstaff. Commissioner Stevenson's interests focused on making each home more sustainable and helping individuals make changes to save money and energy. Commission Chair Farretta discussed the need to create more cohesive community connections in order to help the city as a whole meet sustainability goals.

This discussion evolved into projects to work on in the next 2 years. The Commission recommended working on a series of educational workshops to support the Sustainability Program's programming. Workshops will begin during the Earth Day celebration and the remaining schedule will be discussed at the February meeting. In addition, Commissioners discussed supporting water conservation efforts throughout the City and community. Nicole Woodman will follow up with information from the City water conservation program at the February meeting. The Commission will also explore the need to encourage community interactions and outreach and Commissioners would like to generate a contact list of HOAs and community organizations and partners to work with in the future. Nicole Woodman will provide a preliminary list and will also provide an update on the Sustainability Matrix draft being reviewed by the Sustainability Cabinet in February.

5. To and From – Staff

McKenzie Jones shared that the City purchased Observatory Mesa as open space in December and that she will be meeting with Community Development about feedback and direction for the Animal Keeping Code updates. Nicole Denering invited Commissioners to the next DIY workshops being offered January 16th at Killip Elementary in English and Spanish and on January 27th at the main library. Nicole Woodman shared that Flagstaff and Tucson are now on the steering committee of the Sustainable Cities Network and asked Commissioners to send any interesting ideas to her to post on the Sustainability Program's Facebook page.

8. Agenda Items for Next Month

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kevin Ordean; Jeff Stevenson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.