



# MINUTES

## City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
4:00 – 5:30 pm

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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:**

Kathy Farretta, Chair  
Todd Barnell, Vice-Chair  
Elisha Dorfsmith  
Jeffery Stevenson  
Jack Welch

#### **CITY STAFF:**

Nicole Woodman  
Tamara Lawless  
McKenzie Jones

### **1. Call to Order**

**Commission Chair Kathy Farretta called the February Sustainability Commission Meeting to order at 4:03 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 January minutes and Todd Barnell seconded.

### **4. Presentation Items**

#### **A. Heath For All – Michelle Thomas**

Michelle Thomas from North Country HealthCare presented on “health in all policies,” which advocates for the inclusion of health considerations into all policy-making. Michelle explained that the goal of this initiative is to acknowledge and address key “determinants of health,” which are various environmental and cultural factors that affect health outcomes.

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The commissioners elected to add this topic to the agenda for the next commission meeting, and invited Michelle to return at that time.

**5. Discussion Items**

**A. LEED Resolution Update – Nicole Woodman**

Nicole presented the draft of the updated LEED Resolution, which would repeal and replace the 2008 LEED Resolution. The update includes the requirement that new City occupied buildings and major renovation projects are to be built to LEED silver standards, or to one of several other options for high performance buildings. The addition of these other options for achieving building energy efficiency will allow for more flexibility for project managers. The commissioners recommended that there be an addition to the new resolution to exempt lessee's who hold a previous contract with the City.

Todd Barnell made a motion to lend commission support and approval to the revised resolution, and Jack Welch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**B. Strategic Planning – All**

The commissioners reviewed the citizen survey results, which contained a 59% approval of a plastic bag ban in Flagstaff. The commissioners discussed historical action on part of the commission toward this goal, and on previous barriers to the initiative, including legal challenges faced by other cities attempting to ban plastic bags. Due to recent successes by several other cities in this effort, the commission elected to continue discussing their strategic plan and potential efforts toward a plastic bag ban at the March commission meeting.

**6. Action Items**

**A. Nomination of Vice-Chair**

Kathy Farretta motioned to elect Todd Barnell as the Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Commission. Elisha Dorfsmith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**7. To and From**

Kathy Farretta requested that the next two commission meetings be moved to 4:00pm. This change was acceptable to the rest of the commission.

Martin Jacobsen announced the Fix-It Clinic, on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 at Local Works from 10:00am – 1:00 pm. Additionally, it was announced that the program recently received a \$750 grant for signage at Picture Canyon.

Tamara Lawless provided an update on Lights Out Flagstaff, and asked for two commissioner volunteers. Jack Welch and Elisha Dorfsmith agreed to volunteer to help at the event.

**8. Agenda Items for Next Month**

**A. Discuss Health for All – Michelle Thomas**

**B. Continue Strategic Planning / Plastic Bag Ban Discussion**

**9. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Elisha Dorfsmith; Todd Barnell seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.