



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Wednesday, June 11, 2014
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:

Kathy Faretta, Chair
Elisha Dorfsmith
Jodi Norris
Jeff Stevenson
Jack Welch

CITY STAFF:

Nicole Woodman
McKenzie Jones
Nicole Denering
Marty Jacobson

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair Kathy Farretta called the June Sustainability Commission Meeting to order at 4:34 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

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

4. Presentation Items

A. Displacement Policy- Nicole Woodman

On behalf of Dan Folke, Planning Director, Nicole Woodman presented on the displacement policy Community Development is working to propose to Council. The policy could cover tenants in mobile homes, apartments, houses, or other dwelling units that are displaced due to early eviction. Staff provided two options for Council to consider

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during a presentation in April, 2014. Option 2 would identify when a relocation plan is required. When an applicant seeks a map amendment or change of use, the applicant would develop an assistance plan that would be assessed by decision makers. Assistance to displaced residents would apply to mobile home park owners and tenants of mobile homes, houses, and apartments. Option 3 would cover tenants that rent an apartment, house, mobile home, or other dwelling as the State does not provide benefits to these residents. City defined assistance would apply to projects that require a map amendment or redevelopment.

5. Discussion Items

A. Plastic Bags- All

Nicole Woodman informed the Commission the draft Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance was submitted to legal for review. Enforcement of the ban would be included under Title VII of the City Code, and would be amended under chapter 7.06, health and sanitation. Code compliance would potentially charge \$500 for the first offense and \$750 for the second. Commissioner Dorfsmith suggested aligning the charges with the cost for Dark Skies Ordinance offenses. Nicole Woodman shared she met with the Chamber of Commerce and two Council members about the potential ban. She suggested having the ordinance ready by the Council Work Session in September. Commissioner Norris, Commissioner Stevenson, and Commissioner Welch volunteered to speak to community groups to get their input on a potential ban.

B. Earth Day 2015 Location Change – All

McKenzie Jones proposed changing the Earth Day 2015 location to Heritage Square and Aspen Ave as it is a more central location and Wheeler Park is unavailable. This option would close Aspen Ave. for the duration of the event. Pros to this location change include: no need for fencing, more traffic because of the central location, increased involvement from downtown businesses, free bathrooms, and there would be no need to bring in food vendors. Cons include: no built in shade and closing the street costs \$600. Staff would discuss this idea with downtown businesses to unearth any potential issues, but during the Dew Downtown event in which downtown streets are closed, businesses have benefitted greatly. Commissioner Stevenson suggested during the event tables in Aspen Ave. should face the businesses in order to include them in the event. Commissioners also suggested inviting the artist community to the event, akin to First Friday Art Walk. The location change gained the support of the Commission.

5. To and From

Marty Jacobson invited Commissioners to attend the Picture Canyon Trail Day on Saturday, June 14 and the Fix-It Clinic on Saturday, July 12 at Local Works from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Nicole Woodman distributed copies of the City of Flagstaff Report to the Water Commission, which discusses energy use, production, wells, resources, and more.

6. Agenda Items for Next Month

7. Adjournment

Commission Chair Faretta adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.