



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Wednesday, July 9, 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 Farretta, Chair
Todd Barnell, Vice Chair
Elisha Dorfsmith
Kevin Ordean
Jeff Stevenson
Jack Welch

CITY STAFF:

Nicole Woodman
McKenzie Jones
Nicole Denering
Tamara Lawless
Marty Jacobson

1. Call to Order

Commission Vice Chair Kathy Todd Barnell called the July Sustainability Commission Meeting to order at 4:36 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.

Rebecca Sayers, City of Flagstaff Public Works Section Head for Sustainability and Environmental Management and Facilities, introduced herself to the Commission.

3. Approval of Minutes

Elisha Dorfsmith moved to approve the June minutes and Kevin Ordean seconded the motion.

4. Discussion Items

A. Plastic Bag Update- Nicole Woodman

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Nicole Woodman updated the Commission on the plastic bag ban progress. She has met with four Council members and will aggregate their questions anonymously in either a memo or in a staff summary. Nicole informed the commission that the draft ordinance is undergoing review in Legal and will most likely be presented at the Council work session in the fall. Fines are yet to be determined; the current fine scale at the City for noncompliance usually does not cover the full cost of covering the processing of the fine. Nicole shared that the City of Dallas fines businesses of any size \$500 per day for noncompliance.

B. Sustainability Program Work Plans- Nicole Woodman

Staff shared the FY2015 work plans for the Sustainability Specialist Positions and Sustainability Aide positions. In the next fiscal year, the Sustainability Program will employ three full time permanent positions and three full time AmeriCorps positions. The Sustainability Program also shares a 19 hour per week Volunteer Coordinator position with Environmental Code Enforcement.

C. Strategic Planning- All

Commissioners all shared main areas of interest for moving forward with a work plan. Common ideas included: final review and letter to encourage Council action on the Animal Keeping Code update; local food; assisting with Earth Day relocation and bringing the event to its full potential by including businesses and NAU; assisting with increasing City of Flagstaff support in Bike to Work Week and/or hosting the kick-off breakfast; promoting social equity and quality of life; participating in sustainability efforts and communication by specifically reaching out to community groups to find out what pressing community sustainability need are; addressing water conservation in depth if the Water Commission is not working on the same topics. Climate resiliency was the main theme tying these ideas together, and it was discussed that the Commission could go through a small resiliency exercise to determine how to direct the City of Flagstaff Resiliency and Preparedness Study towards the community.

5. To and From

Marty Jacobson invited Commissioners to attend the Fix-It Clinic on Saturday, July 12 at Local Works from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. McKenzie Jones distributed copies of the Sustainability Program Annual Report on Sustainability for 2013 to the Commission and invited them to view it online. McKenzie also invited Commissioners to attend the Growing Smarter Community Workshop Series. Upcoming workshops include cinder mulching and making non toxic cleaners. Nicole Woodman shared the Arizona Department of Revenue is considering taxing leased solar on all private, public, and residential systems in the state. 80% of solar in Arizona is leased, including some of the systems at the City of Flagstaff.

6. Agenda Items for Next Month

7. Adjournment

Kevin Ordean moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Jeff Stevenson seconded.