



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Wednesday, October 8th, 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

COMMISSION MEMBERS:	CITY STAFF:
Todd Barnell, Vice Chair	Tamara Lawless
Elisha Dorfsmith	Elizabeth Champagne
Jodi Norris	
Kevin Ordean	
Jack Welch	

- 1. Call to Order**
Commission Vice Chair Todd Barnell called the October Sustainability Commission meeting to order at 4:30 pm 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 not listed on the prepared agenda. Commission members may, however, respond to 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**
Commission member Kevin Ordean motioned to approve the September minutes and Elisha Dorfsmith seconded the motion.

4. Presentation Items

A. City and County Road Ballot Initiatives

Michael Lockner from Coconino County and Stephanie Smith from the City Manager's Office gave a short presentation to the commission on Proposition 406 City of Flagstaff Road Repair and Street Safety and Proposition 403 Coconino Country Road Maintenance Sales Tax. Proposition 406 is calling for a 1/3 cent (33 cents per \$100) increase to sales tax to improve road care and road safety throughout the city during a 20 year term. Proposition 403 is asking for three-tenths of one percent sale tax (30 cents per 100\$) to focus solely towards road maintenance throughout the county. Their main argument for increasing our sales tax revolved around the lack of funding Flagstaff has been receiving from Federal and State Funds, the drastic need to improve Flagstaffs roads, and the financial burden that will be ever increasing if these changes are not made. The public was engaged during the creation of the proposition and many were in favor. The commission brought up issues surrounding the severe weather our roads experience and the problems associated with old pipes breaking during the winter. Kevin Ordean questioned where the private contractors would be coming from. Michael Lockner informed us that the repairs would be open to bid with the companies most likely being from Northern Arizona.

5. Discussion Items

Resiliency Exercise – Tamara Lawless

Tamara Lawless led a resiliency exercise which involved a more thorough discussion of the sixteen concern areas that were selected during the previous meeting. Each of the sixteen concern areas were assessed on their Vulnerability (1-5 rating), Critical Function (1-3 rating), Citizens Affects (1-3), Estimated Cost (1-3) and Probability of Impact (1-3). This rating scale will help council determine which of the concern factors deserves the most immediate attention and how to prioritize action.

Some of the key discussions revolved around citizen influence. For example, if communication systems were to go down and those in the hospital were negatively affected, that effect would ripple out to their friends and loved ones, bringing many "citizens affected" ratings up. Estimated Cost was often assigned a "3" and frequently determined that the cost may be even higher than the "3" ranking permitted. Since a multitude of factors could play in to each concern area, at times determining an exact number was challenging. Water Supply by far came out as the most vulnerable to climate change. The first eleven of sixteen concern areas were discussed, and the final five will be covered at the following commission meeting. A summary of the commission's assessment will be provided at the conclusion of the resiliency exercise.

6. Action Items

NA

7. To and From

Jodi Norris brought up the excellent turnout at the Science Open House and the increased public interest in water supply.

8. Agenda Items for Next Month

- A. Finishing Resiliency and Preparedness Exercise
- B. Regional Plan Update
- C. Community Sustainability Grants

9. Adjournment

Commission Vice Chair Todd Barnell adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Flagstaff City Hall on _____, at _____ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Disability Awareness Commission with the City Clerk.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Chris Monteverde, Administrative Specialist