



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Wednesday, June 10, 2015
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:

Todd Barnell, Chair
Elisha Dorfsmith, Vice Chair
Jodi Norris
Kevin Ordean
Ellen Vaughan
Jack Welch

STAFF LIAISON:

Tamara Lawless, Sustainability Specialist
Nicole Woodman, Sustainability Manager

Public Present: Jeremy D. Krones

1. Call to Order

Chair Commission Todd Barnell called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

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

Jack Welch moved to approve the minutes and Jodi Norris seconded the motion.

4. Discussion Items

A. Water Conservation Program & Sustainability Discussion – Erin Young

Erin Young provided an overview of the City of Flagstaff Water Conservation program. One topic covered was the water conservation ordinance, which contains three levels of conservation protocol. The municipality currently operates under level one, which is the awareness level. This includes the utilization of odd/even watering days for automatic irrigation. Due to conservation efforts, the municipality is still delivering the same amount of water today as in 1990, in spite of population increases. The conservation program provides rebates to reducing turf (grass) in both residential and commercial areas, and also for switching to low-flow toilets.

B. Conserve 2 Enhance – Kelsey Morales

Kelsey Morales and Erin Young presented on the C2E Program, which was originally piloted in Tucson. The program provides water audits and conservation education to residents and business in the community. Savings from these efforts are diverted on a voluntary basis into a community fund, which is available for projects such as waterway restoration, rain gardens, rainwater collection systems, etc. The selection of the projects is performed by a board, which would contain stakeholders from various community groups. The implementation of C2E in Flagstaff will require council approval, and the Sustainability Commission has been asked to lend official support of the initiative, to be decided in the July meeting.

Other follow-up questions include: whether or not businesses will be allowed to sit on the board, if all approved projects must be within city limits, and whether or not the governing board will be subject to open meeting law.

C. Bicycle Racks in Heritage Square – Jack Welch

Jack Welch discussed the need for additional bicycle parking in Heritage Square, especially during special events. Ideas from the commission include adding additional storage for racks or permanent racks in the basement parking garage under Heritage Square, the addition of vertical bike racks to Heritage Square, and the conversion of a parking space into a bike parking area with café table. Other ideas included bicycle parking on the rooftop of the Downtown Shops, multi-level bicycle parking systems, and bicycle storage lockers or businesses. Jack will continue to explore options for this issue, and will discuss it again next month.

D. Revisit Strategic Plan – All

Moved to the July meeting

5. Action Items

A. Review Sustainability Grant Submissions

Commissioners reviewed a grant submission from the Flagstaff CSA. A suggestion was put forward that a representative from the CSA come to the July 2015 commission meeting to present their grant.

6. To and From

Tamara Lawless provided an update on the status of getting a new commissioner appointed to the commission.

Nicole Woodman informed the commission that Flagstaff's resiliency initiatives were presented at the National Adaptation Forum in St. Louis. She also mentioned the success of National Trails Day, which had 120 volunteers.

7. Agenda Items for Next Month

- A. CSA Grant Pitch
- B. Strategic Plan Discussion
- C. Review Sustainability Grant Submissions
- D. C2E – Lend or withhold support
- E. Bicycle Parking in Heritage Square

8. Adjournment

Chair Commissioner Todd Barnell dismissed the meeting at 6:25 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 _____, 2015.

Chris Monteverde, Administrative Specialist