



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Monday, December 28, 2015
4:30 – 6:00 pm

City Hall, Council Chambers
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:

Elisha Dorfsmith, Chair
Kevin Ordean, Vice Chair
John Kistler

Dara Marks-Marino
Ellen Vaughan

STAFF LIAISON:

Tamara Lawless, Sustainability Specialist

Nicole Woodman, Sustainability Manager

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dorfsmith called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Dorfsmith, Kistler, Marks-Marino, Ordean, and Vaughan were present for roll call. Commissioners Chamberlain and Blake were absent.

3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4. Approval of Minutes

Chair Dorfsmith motioned to approve the November 2015 minutes and Vice-Chair Ordean seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor.

5. Discussion Items

A. Talking points for plastic bag presentation to council (All)

Commissioner Marks-Marino expressed support for emphasizing the economic impact of plastic bags during next month's council presentation. This presentation

will be a reminder of the previous plastic bag dialogue that the commission brought forward earlier this year.

B. Strategic Planning follow-up

Sustainability Specialist Tamara Lawless asked the commissioners for further input on the topics brought up during the strategic planning session in October. The commissioners asked to be kept informed on upcoming council issues that pertain to sustainability, such as the animal keeping code decision.

C. Airport Sustainability Master Plan Update

Sustainability Manager Nicole Woodman gave an update on the Airport Sustainability Master Plan. The City of Flagstaff was able to receive funding from the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct this plan at the Flagstaff Airport. The Sustainability Master Plan is about 85% completed and has 150 strategies to focus on in the long term for the airport. Categories range from reducing electricity to composting at the café and making improvements in operations and communications with the community. A draft form is in progress and will be submitted to the commissioners for review before the end of 2016.

6. Action Items

A. Citizens' Climate Lobby resolution support decision

Members of the Citizens' Climate Lobby provided additional information for the commissioners regarding the proposed resolution for the City Council. Commissioners had several concerns about the resolution, including transparency of the language that will be included in the final legislation, the potential for an increase in nuclear power generation due to carbon fee legislation, and overall cost increases to American consumers. As a result of this discussion, Vice-chair Ordean motioned to move the vote on the commission's support to the January meeting. Commissioner Marks-Marino seconded the motion, and commissioners Ordean, Vaughan, and Marks-Marino voted in favor. Commissioners Dorfsmith and Kistler voted against the motion to delay the vote until the January meeting.

7. To and From

Sustainability Specialist Tamara Lawless reminded the commissioners that meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 4:30 beginning in January. There will also be a planning meeting for Lights Out Flagstaff during the second week of January, which Commissioner Kistler will be invited to. Tamara will also be serving as staff liaison for the Citizens' Climate Lobby when they present to council on January 26th. Vice-Chair Ordean and Chair Dorfsmith asked to be kept informed on the Earth Day planning process.

8. Agenda Items for Next Month

A. Sustainable Citizen Initiative (Ellen Vaughan)

B. Animal Keeping Code Update (McKenzie Jones)

C. Earth Day Update (Libby Champagne)

D. Citizens' Climate Lobby resolution support decision

9. Adjournment

Chair Dorfsmith adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm

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