



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Thursday, January 28, 2016
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

Amelia Blake

Eli Chamberlain

John Kistler

Dara Marks Marino

Ellen Vaughan

STAFF LIAISON:

Tamara Lawless, Sustainability Specialist

Nicole Woodman, Sustainability Manager

CITY STAFF:

McKenzie Jones, Sustainability Specialist

Libby Champagne, Sustainability Aide

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

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

3. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Vaughan motions to approve the December 2015 minutes and Commissioner Kistler seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor.

5. **Discussion Items**

A. Earth Day Update (Libby Champagne)

Sustainability Aide Libby Champagne updated the Commission on the planning efforts for the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Commission Chair Dorfsmith asked if organizations will be allowed their own tables and shade structures, if there would be a place for banners, if organizations will be allowed to pass out information, if email signup sheets will be allowed, and if organizations will be able to sell items to offset the cost of the Earth Day table. Sustainability Aide Champagne and Sustainability Specialist Jones confirmed that all items in question would be allowed as long as participants were focused on promoting Earth Day themed activities.

B. Animal Keeping Code Update (McKenzie Jones)

Sustainability Specialist Jones updated the commission on the proposed changes to the Livestock and Animal Keeping Code. The current code is restrictive, unclear, does not address animal nuisance or support animal welfare. The code now covers large to small livestock, lot size, pasture requirements, and slaughter. This item will be on the City Council agenda on Tuesday, February 2nd for its second read. If this is approved, the Sustainability Section will perform extensive outreach to the community.

C. Sustainable Citizen Program (Ellen Vaughan)

Commissioner Vaughan updated the Commission on the NAU Sustainable Citizen Program. This is a program that provides a sustainability certification to any student or citizen who completes a certain number of sustainability related tasks. Commissioner had several questions including the presence of a webpage, student interest, community collaboration and community involvement. Commissioner Vaughan explained that program is in the pre-pilot stage and should be implemented next fall.

D. Carbon Fee and Dividend Resolution (All)

Shawn Newell, a representative for Citizen's Climate Lobby, updated the commission on the projected local impacts of federal carbon fee and dividend legislation. Several commissioners had concerns about the resolution and expressed doubt on whether or not it was the best solution for moving the market away from fossil fuels. Other commissioners expressed support for the resolution as a citizen-driven call to action for federal legislation on climate change. There was also dialogue amongst the commissioners on whether or not Flagstaff's support would translate to significantly altered legislation once actually through the legislative process.

6. Action Items

A. Citizens' Climate Lobby resolution support decision

Commissioner Vaughan motioned to lend the Sustainability Commission's support to the proposed resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marks-Marino. After a second round of discussion, the motion passed with four commissioners in favor and three opposed.

7. To and From

Sustainability Specialist Lawless updated the commission on Lights Out Flagstaff, which will not fall on the same day as Earth Hour this year in order to avoid the NAU Spring Break and a full moon. Commissioner Kistler expressed a concern about the effect of several new proposed roundabouts on the Flagstaff cycling community. Sustainability Manager Woodman updated the commission on the Sustainability Program's name change to the Sustainability Section. She also asked that the recommended changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance be placed on a future agenda.

8. Agenda Items for Next Month

- A. Open Space Programming Update - Betsy Emery**
- B. Solid Waste Ordinance – Nicole Woodman**
- C. Review Handout for Lights Out Flagstaff - John Begay**
- D. MNA Neighborhood Sustainability Grant Update**
- E. NAIPTA Van Pool Program**
- F. Rules of Commissioner Conduct**

9. Adjournment

Commission Chair Dorfsmith adjourned the meeting at 5:51pm.

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 _____, 2016.

Chris Monteverde, Administrative Specialist