



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Thursday, March 24, 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

STAFF LIAISON:

Tamara Lawless, Sustainability Specialist

Nicole Woodman, Sustainability Manager

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Ordean motioned to approve the February 2016 minutes and Commissioner Kistler seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted to approve.

5. Discussion Items

A. Open Space Programming Update (Betsy Emery)

Open Space Specialist Betsy Emery updated the Commission on the state of the Sustainability Section's Open Space programming. Ms. Emery provided

background on the City's Open Space program, including the acquisition of Picture Canyon Natural and Cultural Preserve and Observatory Mesa Natural Area. She also provided an overview of wildlife, trails, recreation, and open space management tasks such as volunteer activities, educational tours, trail maintenance and development, and the protection of cultural and natural resources. Commissioners inquired about funding and future land acquisition, to which Ms. Emery explained that much of the program is funded through grants and bonds, and trail maintenance and construction is accomplished through volunteer events and contracted work performed by Arizona Conservation Core.

B. NAIPTA Van Pool Program (Kate Morley)

Kate Morley presented to the commission on the NAIPTA Van Pool Program. The Van Pool Program helps residents who live in outlying areas coordinate transportation to similar, in town locations. Morley gave an overview of the initiative and its benefits to city and county residents. Depending on where the commute begins, costs can range from approximately \$40 –\$100 a month. There are currently three vans on the road in Flagstaff, and ten contracts are currently being reviewed. NAIPTA is in the process of reaching out to employers in outlying communities to set up office based van pools and expand the program. Leases can be signed either by an individual or by the employer as a third party. A van pool must have at least four interested parties with the potential for growth before they can begin the sign-up process.

C. Earth Day Update (Libby Champagne)

Sustainability Aide Libby Champagne provided an update on event planning. A community clean-up will be held from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, and the main event will run from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm. Ms. Champagne explained that the Leroux construction project should be cleared from the Aspen Ave and Leroux St intersection, which will hopefully allow for smooth loading and unloading. Vendors will be routed in one direction along Aspen Ave to help reduce congestion and confusion.

D. Lights Out Flagstaff Update (Tamara Lawless)

Sustainability Specialist Tamara Lawless updated the commission on Lights Out Flagstaff. On Friday night, the Mayor and Jeff Hall from Lowell will speak, NAU dancers will perform, and telescopes will available to the public. Following that, attendees can take a bus to Buffalo Park to learn about compliant and in-compliant light fixtures and take a constellation tour. The following night, Lowell Observatory will offer free admission starting at 5pm. Outreach for the event included school visits.

6. Action Items

There were no action items.

7. To and From

Sustainability Specialist Tamara Lawless and Environmental Code Specialist Tom Boughner would like to add the Dark Skies Trade Show as a discussion item to the next month's agenda. She also informed the commissioners that the application to fill

a newly vacant seat on the commission will be released shortly. Libby Champagne informed the commission about a Fix-it Clinic on Saturday, April 2nd. Nicole Woodman told the commissioners about upcoming events, including a Seed Swap, the Fix-it Clinic, Earth Day and Drop-Off Days. Ms. Woodman also informed the commission that the Solid Waste Ordinance will undergo a work session on May 10th with City Council. Chair Dorfsmith informed the commission that he went on Radio Sunnyside to discuss Animal Keeping, upcoming events, and the Sustainability Commission. He advised that this might be a good venue in the future to provide outreach on sustainability activities.

8. Agenda Items for Next Month

- A. Solid Waste Ordinance (Nicole Woodman)**
- B. Earth Day and Lights Out Flagstaff Metrics (Tamara Lawless)**
- C. MyWaste Page and App (Nicole Woodman)**
- D. Dark Sky Trade Show (All)**
- E. Food Too Good To Waste (Dylan Lenzen)**

9. Adjournment

Commission Chair Dorfsmith adjourned the meeting at 5:18 pm.

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