



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Thursday, August 25, 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

Dara Marks Marino
David McCain
Brian Petersen

STAFF LIAISON:

Tamara Lawless, Sustainability Specialist

1. **Call to Order**
Chair Dorfsmith called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.
2. **Roll Call**
Commissioners Dorfsmith, Blake, Chamberlain, Marks-Marino, McCain, and Petersen were present for roll call. Commissioner Ordean was absent.
3. **Public Participation**
There was no public participation.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Commissioner Chamberlain motioned to approve the June 2016 minutes, and Commissioner Blake seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor.
5. **Discussion Items**
 - A. **Welcome New Members and Commission Overview (Tamara Lawless)**

Sustainability Specialist Lawless welcomed two new commissioners, Brian Petersen and David R. McCain. She let the commission know the status of several upcoming vacancies and then briefly described the topics and duties that the commission is focused on.

B. Regional Transportation Plan (David Wessel)

David Wessel was absent and the commission did not discuss this item.

C. Waste to Energy Presentation (Commissioner Marks Marino)

Commissioner Marks-Marino presented her master's research, "WTE: One Piece of Northern Arizona's Waste Management Solutions," to the commission. The presentation focused on methods for converting waste into energy. In addition, the presentation covered strategies for keeping valuable items (such as recyclables and organics) out of landfills. The presentation concluded with Commissioner Marks-Marino's recommendations for the City of Flagstaff, including mandatory recycling for commercial accounts.

D. Pine Forest Charter School Grant Application (All)

Dave Eckert, from Pine Forest Charter School, shared with the commission that if awarded the grant, the funds would go towards soil sampling equipment and an urban garden for the students. Mr. Eckert stated that Pine Forest Charter School will follow through with their projects in the event that they are not rewarded the grant. The commission discussed whether they should approve the Pine Forest Charter School Grant or wait to see if there are any more applications.

E. Workplace Charging Challenge Pledge (All)

Commissioners discussed the Workplace Charging Challenge Pledge, which supports the construction of electric charging stations in the workplace. The commissioners discussed the cost of the charging stations, the emerging market for electric cars, and any potential benefits additional charging stations might have to the Flagstaff community.

6. Action Items

A. Pine Forest Charter School Grant Decision

Commissioner Mark-Marino motioned to approve the grant. The motion was not seconded. Commissioner Chamberlain motioned to postpone the decision for three months in the event other applications are received. Commissioner Blake seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor.

B. Workplace Charging Challenge Pledge Decision

Commissioner Petersen motioned to look into the topic further. Commissioner Chamberlain seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor.

7. To and From

Sustainability Specialist Lawless announced that there will be no commission meeting in September, and invited Maggie Twomey, Volunteer & Events

Coordinator, to share upcoming volunteer opportunities for the Sustainability Section. The opportunities included events tabling, the Fix-It Clinic, and Make-A-Difference Day. Commissioner McCain shared Friends of Flagstaff's Future's annual gala fundraiser, which will be held in October.

- 8. Agenda Items for Next Month**
 - A. C2E Marketing Material Review (All)**
 - B. Strategic Panning (All)**
 - C. Workplace Charging Challenge Pledge Follow-Up (Tamara Lawless)**

9. Adjournment

Chair Dorfsmith adjourned the meeting at 5:49pm.

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.

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