



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Thursday, February 26, 2017
4:30 – 6:00 pm

City Hall, City 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:

Brian Petersen, Chair
Amelia Blake
Eli Chamberlain
Dara Marks Marino

David McCain
Elisha Dorfsmith
Amanda Ulmer

STAFF LIAISON:

Nicole Woodman, Sustainability Manager

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Black, Chamberlain, Dorfsmith, Marks-Marino, McCain, Petersen, and Ulmer were present for roll call.

3. 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.

No public participation.

4. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Dorfsmith motioned to approve the January 26th 2017 minutes. Commissioner Ulmer seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

5. Discussion Items

A. Introduction to New Sustainability Specialist

Nicole Woodman, Sustainability Manager, introduced the new Sustainability Specialist, Ms. Jenny Niemann. Ms. Niemann shared with the Commission her background and education. Ms. Niemann will be focusing on the Energy and Climate subsections under Sustainability.

B. An Overview of Climate Action Plans

Ms. Woodman stated that she will be the Staff Liaison for the Sustainability Commission. Ms. Woodman also shared with the Commission the steps that the Sustainability Section has made towards a Climate Action Plan. Ms. Woodman said that multiple voices and agencies should be included in drafting the plan. In addition, the Sustainability Section placed a budget request to allocate funds for a consulting agency to help create the climate action plan. Ms. Woodman suggested that a Climate Action Plan sub-committee could draft strategies based on community outreach. Chair Petersen and Vice-Chair McCain agreed to be a part of the Climate Action Plan sub-committee. Chair Petersen asked Ms. Woodman to bring examples of climate action plans for the next Commission meeting.

C. Sustainability Commission Strategic Focus

Chair Petersen brought up a few topics that were discussed in the January 26th Commission meeting. Ms. Woodman informed the Commission of City Council's three main goals: zero waste/waste diversion, 100% renewable, and a climate action plan. Chair Petersen asked the Commission what interests they may have and to share their thoughts on their roles as Sustainability Commissioners. Commissioner Dorfsmith stated that he likes to promote the sustainability program in the community. Commissioner Blake stated that she would be interested in more volunteer opportunities with advance notice. Commissioner Chamberlain would like to give a presentation on Home Efficiency Programs to the Commission in a future meeting. Commissioner Ulmer is interested in focusing and researching zero waste. Commissioner Blake would like to focus on the neighborhood grant program. Commissioner Dorfsmith is interested in animal keeping within City limits. Chair Petersen is interested in the partnership between the City of Flagstaff and Northern Arizona University. Vice-Chair McCain is interested in Social Justice within Sustainability and a Climate Action Plan.

D. Neighborhood Grants Update

Ms. Woodman stated that the neighborhood grant program currently has \$5,000 in its budget. The Sustainability Section asked the budget team to raise the grant allowance to \$8,000. The Commission was curious to know that if applicants could be granted more money if the neighborhood grant allowance increases.

6. To and From

Commissioner McCain shared the dates for his communication and relationship workshops. Commissioner Marks-Marino shared the Agriculture to Appetites series that will be held in different locations in Northern Arizona. Commissioner Ulmer shared her capstone date with the Commission. Ms. Woodman reminded the Commission of the next Fix-It Clinic which will be held at the Joe C. Montoya Community Center on February 25th. Ms. Woodman also shared the free Home Energy Efficiency Workshop which will be held March 1st at City Hall. Commissioner Dorfsmith shared with the Commission that City Council motioned to approve the street closure for the Earth Day event.

7. Agenda Items for Next Month

A. Update on Regional Transportation Plan Draft – David Wessel

8. Adjournment

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 5:27pm.

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