



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
4:00 – 6:00 pm

City Hall, Staff Conference Room
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

ATTENDING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Kathy Faretta, Chair
Elisha Dorfsmith
Jodi Norris
Kevin Ordean
Jeff Stevenson
Jack Welch

CITY STAFF:

Nicole Woodman
Tamara Lawless
McKenzie Jones
Marty Jacobson

1. Call to Order

Commission Chair Kathy Farretta called the March Sustainability Commission Meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

2. 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 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.

3. Approval of Minutes

Jodie Norris moved to approve the March minutes and Kevin Ordean seconded the motion.

4. Discussion Items

A. Earth Day Update – Marty Jacobson

Marty Jacobson updated the Commission on progress being made on Earth Day 2014. Mr. Jacobson stated that almost 60 vendors had signed up for Earth Day. In addition, Earth Day 2014 will include 5 entertainers, 4 educational workshops, 2 food vendors, and 1 Reuse Fashion Show.

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B. Sustainability Program 2013 in Review – Nicole Woodman

Nicole Woodman gave an overview of the 2013 in Review document. Ms. Woodman stated that the purpose of the document was to be transparent about what the Sustainability Program is working on and achieving. She briefly discussed funding sources and the achievements of the Sustainability Program's initiatives and events. She also mentioned that the Sustainability Program may discontinue the LED Holiday Light Swap due to the minor impact it has relative to the time and money invested into it. Kevin Ordean stated that NAU reports both annual and long-term data (e.g. savings) for its sustainability initiatives and programs.

C. Plastic Bags – All

Marty Jacobson walked the Commission through the conversations he had with seven cities in which disposable bag ordinances had been successful. The Commission discussed what such an ordinance should look like for Flagstaff. The Commission agreed that the primary focus of the ordinance should be reducing litter and saving the City money. The Commission also agreed that the ordinance should be short and concise. Kevin Ordean expressed interest in writing a letter to Council asking them what they would like to see in the ordinance.

D. Strategic Planning – All

The Commission decided to each review four of five disposable bag ordinances and note what they like and dislike and what may be applicable in Flagstaff.

5. Action Items

A. Plastic Bags

Jeff Stevenson made a motion for the Commission to pursue an ordinance to ban end-use plastic bags in Flagstaff. Jack Welch seconded. The motion carried.

6. To and From

Ms. Woodman gave the Commissioners copies of the sustainability matrix to review and make suggestions. Kevin Ordean alerted the Commission of the film, Taking Earth's Temperature, which is showing in NAU's Cline Auditorium on April 10th at 7:00 pm.

7. Agenda Items for Next Month

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kevin Ordean; Jeff Stevenson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.