



MINUTES

City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission

Thursday, July 6, 2017
4:30 – 6:00 pm

EAST WING CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL 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, Vice Chair
Elisha Dorfsmith
Amanda Ulmer

STAFF LIAISON:

Nicole Antonopoulos Woodman, Sustainability Manager

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 4:33pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Chamberlain, Dorfsmith, Marks-Marino, McCain, Petersen, and Ulmer were present for roll call. Commissioner Blake was absent.

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 Marks-Marino motioned to approve the May 25th, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Chamberlain seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. Discussion Items

A. FOSPR (15 minutes) – Chuck Hammersley

Chuck Hammersley shared information about the Flagstaff Open Space, Parks, and Recreation (FOSPR) Program to the Commission. Mr. Hammersley stated that this program would replicate the Coconino County's Parks and Open Space Program (CPOS), which expired in November 2014. The FOSPR Program Mr. Hammersley is working on will be bound to corporate limits of the City of Flagstaff and will be housed within the City organization. Mr. Hammersley also shared that CPOS increased the County sales tax one-eighth of a cent and raised \$33 million during the duration of the program. Mr. Hammersley stated he has been reaching out to other groups to ask for their support. He has also requested that the groups create a list of projects with approximate costs that they would like to see funded by the FOSPR program. The first public meeting will be on July 26th at 6:00pm at the Aquaplex. A Steering Committee will be created to vet the projects and approximate costs. Mr. Hammersley stated the FOSPR Program will go forth to City Council next spring, and hopes to see it added to the ballot next summer. Mr. Hammersley asked the Sustainability Commission to consider endorsing the program.

B. Citizens' Climate Lobby Resolution (10 Minutes) – All

Shawn Newell, a representative for Citizens' Climate Lobby, gave a brief summary of the carbon fee and dividend program. Ms. Newell stated that this program would tax fossil fuels at the source, which would gently raise fossil fuel related products. The program will also send dividends to households based on their fossil fuel usage. Ms. Newell stated that low income families should break even or come out above what they initially paid. The Citizens' Climate Lobby will take this resolution to City Council on September 5th.

C. Climate Action Planning Update (10 Minutes) – Nicole Woodman

Ms. Woodman shared that the Request for Statements of Qualifications for contractors closes on July 27th. The steering committee is still open for applications. The steering committee will review the bids from the contractors and meet at least once a month. In addition, students in the Climate Science and Solutions program at Northern Arizona University will assist with the community education and outreach. Lastly, the Sustainability Section has been finalizing the greenhouse gas inventories for the 2016 calendar year.

D. Rethink Waste Update (5 Minutes) – Dylan Lenzen

Dylan Lenzen, Zero Waste Coordinator, gave the Commission an update of the Rethink Recycling Program. Mr. Lenzen changed the name of the program to "Rethink Waste." With the feedback from the Commission, Mr. Lenzen stated that program will have a new purpose and focus. Mr. Lenzen will provide a new draft for the Commission to review at the next meeting.

E. Community Reads (10 Minutes) – Brian Petersen

Chair Petersen shared his idea of a Community Reads Program to educate community members on sustainability and climate change. Chair Petersen stated that the Commission would select a book for the program, and Commissioners interested in the program can lead group discussions. Chair Petersen suggested three books: *Plenitude: The New Economics of True Wealth, If Mayors Ruled the World*, and *Cool Cities: Urban Sovereignty and the Fix for Global Warming*. Commissioner Marks-Marino suggested the book *A Great Aridness: Climate Change and the Future of the American Southwest*. The Commission discussed how they could get copies of the book for community members.

F. Promoting Sustainability Neighborhood Grants (10 Minutes) – All

Ms. Woodman informed the Commission that Flagstaff Art and Leadership Academy's grant has been approved and distributed. In addition, two new grant applications have been received and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6. Action Items

A. FOSPR – All

Commissioner Ulmer motioned to support the Flagstaff Open Space, Parks, and Recreation Program. Commissioner McCain seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dorfsmith asked to discuss the FOSPR Program before the voice vote. Commissioner Dorfsmith shared his concern how the tax increase could burden low income community members. After the discussion, the motion passed with five commissioners in favor and one opposed.

B. Citizens Climate Lobby Resolution – All

The Commission discussed how supporting this resolution can be a great step for addressing climate change in the community. Commissioner Dorfsmith summarized the discussion from the January 28th, 2016 Sustainability Commission meeting to the Commission. Commissioner Dorfsmith shared that he was still concerned that some individuals might not receive a dividend even though they are paying the tax. After the discussion, Commissioner Marks-Marino motioned to support the proposed resolution. Commissioner Ulmer seconded the motion. The motion passed with five commissioners in favor and one opposed.

7. Commissioner's Strategic Focus Updates (5 Minutes) – All

This agenda item was tabled for the next meeting.

8. To and From (5 Minutes) – All

Vice-Chair McCain stated that City Council is having a special meeting in regards to the Schultz Pass Meadows parcel. This meeting will be held at the Coconino County Board of Supervisors at 10am on July 7th. Ms. Woodman reminded the Commission not to "reply-all" on emails since it interferes with Arizona's Open Meeting Law. Ms. Woodman shared that the City of Flagstaff's website is undergoing maintenance, so Commission minutes could take longer to post than normal. Lastly, Ms. Woodman stated that she will give the Commission an update regarding the new downtown parking next month.

- 9. **Future Agenda Items (5 Minutes) – All**
 - A. **Climate Action Planning Update**
 - B. **Rethink Waste– Dylan Lenzen**
 - C. **Community Reads (10 Minutes) – All**
 - D. **Promoting Sustainability Neighborhood Grants (10 Minutes) – All**
 - E. **Shultz Pass Meadows Discussion (Tentative)**
 - F. **Commissioner’s Strategic Focus Updates (15 Minutes) – All**

10. Adjournment

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

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Dated this _____ day of _____, 2017.
