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**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**ONLINE MEETING
MICROSOFT TEAMS**

THURSDAY

4:30 – 6:30 PM

February 24, 2022

Vision: The City of Flagstaff is a culture and community that thrives in response to the Climate Crisis.

Mission: To advise Sustainability Section Staff on matters related to climate and sustainability, support community projects through Neighborhood Sustainability Grants, and provide feedback to the City Council on sustainability issues.

1. Call to Order

Chair McCain called the meeting of the Sustainability Commission held February 24th, 2022, to order at 4:32 pm.

2. Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair McCain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Konkel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair White	<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Dailey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Steiger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner McCormick

Others present: Lee Bryant (Minutes), Marissa Molloy (Staff Liaison), Dave Wessel (Presenter), Jenna Ortega (Presenter)

3. Land Acknowledgement

The Flagstaff City Council humbly acknowledges the ancestral homelands of this area's Indigenous nations and original stewards. These lands, still inhabited by Native descendants, border mountains sacred to Indigenous peoples. We honor them, their legacies, their traditions, and their continued contributions. We celebrate their past, present, and future generations who will forever know this place as home.

4. Public Comment

Public Participation enables the public to address the Commission on any subject within their jurisdiction that is not scheduled before the Commission on that day. Due to Open Meeting Laws, the Commission cannot discuss or act on items presented during this portion of the agenda. To address an item that is on the agenda, please use the Teams Chat function: simply type in 'public comment' to indicate to the Chair that you would like to comment.

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The Chair will then recognize you when it is time for public comment, and staff will unmute your microphone if needed.

No Public Comment

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Vice Chair White to approve the January 27th, 2022 minutes.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimously passed

6. Business

A. Introduction and Role of City Council Liaison (5 minutes)

Chair McCain

Requested Action: Informational

Chair McCain read the description of the City Council Liaison from the manual. Mr. Aslan was not present at the meeting to introduce himself.

B. MetroPlan Stride Forward Regional Transportation Plan (15 minutes)

Dave Wessel, Planning Manager, MetroPlan

Requested Action: Information and Discussion

Mr. Wessel introduced the Stride Forward Regional Transportation Plan. The plan has been in development since April 2021 with a goal of completion by October 2022. The plan has two scenarios. The Onward scenario involves staying the course with existing transportation and land use plans. The Upward scenario reaches for ambitious goals through new transportation and land use endeavors. Either scenario represents an advisory document until plans have been formally adopted.

Mr. Wessel asked Commissioners about the finest transportation system they had experienced. Commissioner Steiger said the MTA has some of the best comprehensive options. Commissioner McCormick said the bike paths in Fort Collins and Denver are off the roadways. Vice Chair White said Ukraine has a combination of trains, subways, buses, and taxis that you can use to get around very well without needing a car. Commissioner Konkel echoed the Fort Collins comment and added that the Fort Collins pathways are paved and there is a train system that connects multiple

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pathways. Chair McCain said that Curitiba, Brazil is known for its transportation system, and Chicago's elevated train is good to get around on.

Mr. Wessel shared survey results regarding transportation interests, how transportation can address climate change and affordable housing issues, and plans for an equity assessment.

Mr. Wessel asked the Commissioners what important questions the Stride Forward Regional Plan could answer. Chair McCain said how to make it easy for people to choose other transportation options. Commissioner Steiger asked about accessibility options for disabled community members. Vice Chair White said how to integrate transportation and broader city planning in ways that build a cohesive community. Commission McCormick said how to expand transportation for those traveling from surrounding reservations.

C. Responses to Commissioner Feedback on Previous Meeting (5 minutes)

Chair McCain

Requested Action: Discussion

Chair McCain reviewed Commissioner feedback from the previous meeting. Two responses were received. A suggestion was made to move more smoothly through agenda items. All questions were ranked around an average of four to five out of five.

D. Chair and Vice Chair Elections (15 minutes)

Marissa Molloy, Administrative Assistant, City of Flagstaff

Requested Action: Vote

Ms. Molloy asked nominees to share a statement of intent. Chair McCain reviewed the state of the Commission and how the process of commission meeting facilitation and communication was flowing. Vice Chair White said his role as Vice Chair was to keep things moving as smooth as possible and he would like to learn how he can better fulfill the Vice Chair role and help however he can.

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Moved by Commissioner Steiger, seconded by Commissioner Konkel to re-elect Chair McCain.

Commissioner Konkel and Vice Chair White expressed their excitement to have Chair McCain continue in the role.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimously passed

Moved by Commissioner Konkel, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to re-elect Vice Chair White.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimously passed

Chair McCain asked Ms. Molloy to invite Vice Chair McCain to the next planning meeting to help Vice Chair White better understand meeting preparation.

E. Discuss Report from Working Group about the FY '22 version of the Neighborhood Sustainability Grant (20 minutes)

Chair McCain

Requested Action: Vote

Chair McCain discussed recent changes to the Neighborhood Sustainability Grant working group. Proposed changes to marketing included reaching out to the AZ Daily Sun, radio stations, past and current awardees, and diversity-focused groups, as well as developing a Sustainability Grant Albert. Proposed changes to Commission meeting use include removing the requirement for applicants to present to the Commission and focus instead on assessing applications as a group.

Commissioner Steiger asked if presentations are not at the meeting, would they be given elsewhere. Chair McCain said the presentation requirement would be completely removed and evaluations would be on paper only. Vice Chair White added that there would still be an option to ask applicants questions via email.

Chair McCain said proposed changes to the scoring process were significant. Every proposal would be scored by all commissioners using a rubric, including comments and questions. Commissioners would then

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rank proposals and compile scores with the lowest scores receiving priority funding and ties will split funding evenly. Commission Konkel said there was discussion on what scoring system to use and that feedback will be appreciated after the next grant cycle.

Chair McCain said proposed rubric adjustments included rewording the rationale, adding the Commission's mission and vision statements, changing the budget and timeline title, and requesting reviewers to comment on budget red flags and provide comments on all evaluation criteria.

Chair McCain said proposed changes to the application included removing retroactive funding, removing references to presentations, and updating the rubric. Commissioner Konkel noted that the sentence regarding presentations should be removed. Chair McCain reviewed the application timeline and discussed interest in having a grant awardee recognition event. Commissioner McCormick asked if the event could be held close to the following year's request for applications because it might drum up application interest. Chair McCain said the recognition could be in June, July, or August to align with the closing of the application process in September or October and asked Ms. Molloy to make a note for the working group to discuss this further.

Moved by Chair McCain, seconded by Commissioner McCormick to approve the proposed changes to the Neighborhood Sustainability Grant program proposed by the working group as shown on the agenda item summary document.

Commissioner McCormick expressed her appreciation for the working group's effort on the Neighborhood Sustainability Grant changes. Commissioner Konkel expressed her appreciation for Commissioner McCormick's feedback on the ranked scoring system. Vice Chair White seconded this appreciation.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimously passed

F. Call together a Working Group to discuss a Community Recognition Event for future Neighborhood Sustainability Grantees (5 minutes)

Chair McCain

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Requested Action: Vote

Chair McCain stated the purpose of the working group, ultimately to develop a proposal to the Commission for a grant awardee recognition event in 2024. Commissioner Konkel expressed her interest in being part of the working group. Commissioner McCormick said she would be willing to join the group. Vice Chair White said he would find time to help out if no other commissioner was interested. Commissioner Steiger expressed her interest but said she does not have much experience. Vice Chair White deferred his interest to Commissioner Steiger. Commissioner Konkel accepted the working group Chair position suggested by Chair McCain.

Moved by Chair McCain, seconded by Commissioner Konkel to form a working group to discuss a community recognition event for future Neighborhood Sustainability Grantees with Commissioner Konkel as the Chair and Commissioners Steiger and McCormick as members.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimously passed

G. Climate Ambassador Training Part One (45 minutes)

Jenna Ortega, Climate Engagement Coordinator, City of Flagstaff

Requested Action: Informational

Ms. Ortega introduced herself and outlined the training agenda then facilitated part one of the three-part training.

Ms. Ortega asked Commissioners to share when, or why, they became concerned about climate change and what they hope to learn or improve on. Commissioner McCormick asked Ms. Ortega to clarify the latter question. Commissioner McCormick said she first learned about climate change in grade school and, because she works with USGS, she thinks about climate change and actions often. Chair McCain said he first became interested in climate change when he received *The End of Nature* by Bill McKibben and would like to learn how to become more conversive about Flagstaff-specific impacts on society. Vice Chair White said he learned about climate change in elementary school and, in working in science education, is always interested in other communication philosophies. Commissioner Konkel introduced herself and said her first interest in climate change was realizing her individual impact and her views have

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evolved to the policy level of action. She said she would like to learn how to better communicate the intersect of climate change and public health. Commissioner Steiger introduced herself and said she first became concerned in a college class on sustainable communities and wanted to learn how to weave climate change in to other conversations in order to engage others.

Ms. Ortega asked if the Commissioners would share their definitions of climate change. Commissioner McCormick said that past conditions and historic averages are no longer applicable to future conditions. Chair McCain said that he defines climate change as a failure of external systems and internal humancentric world views, and that human wellbeing was more concrete than abstract climate change. Commissioner Konkel echoed Chair McCain in that the interaction of systems was an important part of climate change that needed to be addressed.

7. To and From (5 minutes) – All

Ms. Molloy shared information about the upcoming Home Energy Efficiency Workshop and Fix-It Clinic. She also noted that the next Commission meeting would be a joint meeting with the Housing Commission to look at how the Carbon Neutrality Plan and Housing Plan correlate and asked Commissioners to email her any questions to prepare staff. Chair McCain asked Ms. Molloy to share the housing plan link with Commissioners.

8. Future Agenda Item Requests

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting of the Sustainability Commission on February 24th, 2022, adjourned at 6:23 pm.

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Dated this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Marissa Molloy, Sustainability Commission Staff Liaison