

## Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission October 17, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission held on Monday, October 17, 2016, 4:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Garden Level, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

John F. Kane (Chair)  
Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)  
Alix Monty  
Aaron Redman  
Jessica Hauer

Corey Hawkey  
Gretchen Reinhardt  
Carol Hu  
Arnim Wiek

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Aaron Redman  
Colin Tetreault

**City Staff Present:**

Don Bessler, Public Works Director  
Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager

**Guests Present:**

Councilmember Kolby Granville

Chair John Kane called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance**

None

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chair Kane introduced the minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting and asked for a motion.

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**Motion:** Commissioner Jung

**Second:** Commissioner Monty

**Decision:** Approved

**Agenda Item 3 – Recap Previous Presentations**

Climate Action – Commission discussed the desire to look into City of Phoenix Lead abatement program. Rolf Halden, Sustainability Scientist at ASU, can be a great resource.

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Commissioner Monty committed to doing more research, identifying potential partners and work with County and ASU.

Commissioner Wiek shared information from community engagement initiative he recently attended in Toronto. The conference identified a specific large scale engagement process - 250,000 people. He will follow up Shauna Warner on community engagement initiatives to discuss how something of this scale might benefit Tempe. The premise being that often times community engagement only reaches a small percentage of individuals that may not broadly represent the community interest.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Sustainability Award**

Commissioner Hu talked about the sustainability award application form and suggested adding retreat language to populate the introduction. Carol will bring different criteria next month and Commission will select the appropriate award category.

- Discussion about project, program or person awards/nominations.
- Craft a rubric when receiving some applications.
- The rubric will be used by the Commission only to evaluate the criteria and select the point systems.

The State of Neighborhood is scheduled to be on April 22, 2017.

A motion was made to give Shauna Warner, Neighbor Program Manager, general direction about this upcoming award information to be published on the Tempe Today.

**Motion:** Commissioner Monty

**Second:** Commissioner Wiek

**Decision:** Approved

#### **Agenda Item 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project**

Don reminded the Commission's desire to cross-pollinate work efforts with other Commissions. The Transportation Commission is working on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project and a partnership opportunity has been identified for these two Commissions to work collaboratively on this project together

Erin Iwersen, Transportation Principal Planner, and Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager, presented the overview of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project. They talked about:

- Scope
- Guiding Documents to the city
- Surrounding Context
  - Land
  - City and ASU
- Alleys, Rails & Park Space
- Residential & Hotels
- Transit
- Parking

Shauna will script out the public process including the role of the Sustainability Commission and the milestones for the Sustainability & Transportation Commission together.

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**Agenda Item 6 – Resiliency Workshop**

Braden Kay, City of Tempe Sustainability Manager, gave an update about the workshop. A group from ASU is providing the facilitation and content. He mentioned the major focus of this workshop is to expose the senior management staff at the city to some critical sustainability ways of thinking and resilience concepts. This will help how departments can operationalize these strategies into their practices and tie them back to the City Council strategic initiatives. The workshop is scheduled on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

A series of pre-workshop activities is scheduled to be presented to the city senior management staff. Professor Arnim Wiek, ASU, had already presented the first one to Commission.

**Agenda Item 7 – Bicycle Lanes on McClintock Dr.**

Commissioner Jung talked about the McClintock bike lane and the possibility of being removed. A presentation to City Council is scheduled on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A motion was made for Commissioners Hawkey, Jung and Kane to draft a letter supporting keeping new McClintock bikes lanes. Letter should include:

1. Safety of cyclists
2. Benefits of reducing congestion
3. Healthy lifestyle promotion
4. Reduce air pollution

**Motion:** Commissioner Jung

**Second:** Commissioner Hu

**Decision:** Approved

**Agenda Item 8 – Council Referrals**

- Rainwater Harvesting – This will be a standard agenda item and will be discussed on the next meeting

**Agenda Item 9 – Housekeeping**

- CRUZ fellow for ASU –

Commissioner Hawkey gave an update about the CRUZ fellow for ASU, a Resiliency program at ASU West.

**Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda**

- ASU Tree Planting project (December 2016)
- Lead abatement
- Climate Action Plan
- Broader update from Braden
- Water harvesting

Commissioner Jung made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Hu seconded.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.

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