



## Minutes City of Tempe Sustainability Commission December 19, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Sustainability Commission held on Monday, December 19, 2016, 3:30 p.m., at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Don Cassano Community room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

John F. Kane (Chair)  
Kendon Jung (Vice Chair)  
Alix Monty  
Aaron Redman  
Anne Gill

Corey Hawkey  
Gretchen Reinhardt  
Carol Hu  
Colin Tetreault

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Arnim Wiek  
Jessica Hauer

**City Staff Present:**

Don Bessler, Public Works Director  
Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager

Carla Sidi, Executive Assistant  
Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner

**Guests Present:**

Ryan Guzy, Transportation Commissioner  
Susan Conklu, Transportation Commissioner  
Don Cassano, Transportation Commissioner  
Ashley Goldstein, HPU Graduate

Ashley Weisman, Sustainability Student

Chair Kane called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance**

Chair Kane introduced the new Sustainability Commissioner, Anne Gill. Anne was appointed to serve as the Business Advocacy Group Representative Member, by the Tempe City Council at their regular meeting on December 8, 2016. Her term will expire on December 31, 2017. Anne is the President and CEO of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce.

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

Chair Kane introduced the minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting and asked for a motion. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

**Motion:** Commissioner Tetreault

**Second:** Commissioner Redman

**Decision:** Approved

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**Agenda Item 3 – Recap Previous Presentations**

None

**Agenda Item 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project**

This was a joint planning exercise between the Tempe Transportation Commission and the Tempe Sustainability Commission. Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner and Project leader, hosted the charrette and presented background and concepts regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Commissioners held a brainstorming session on ideas and gave staff feedback.

Next step, staff will return in February to the Commission with draft design concepts to review.

**Agenda Item 5 – Sustainability Award**

Commissioner Hu distributed the 2017 Sustainability Awards Evaluation Form that will be used internally by the Commissioners to evaluate projects. Discussion about criteria.

This will be a recurring agenda item until the award is presented.

A motion was made to approve the 2017 Sustainability Awards Evaluation Form.

**Motion:** Commissioner Redman

**Second:** Commissioner Hawkey

**Decision:** Approved

A motion was made to approve the Tempe Sustainability Award Application.

**Motion:** Commissioner Redman

**Second:** Commissioner Monty

**Decision:** Approved

Carla will send the Tempe Sustainability Award Application to Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Program Manager, to be included in the Today Newsletter. Carla will also post it on the Sustainability Commission website.

**Agenda Item 6 – Update on McClintock Dr. Bike Lane**

Don gave an update about the McClintock Dr. Bike Lane and City Council's direction to add back vehicle capacity while preserving bicycle capacity. Last week, staff presented the City Council with the proposed scope, timeline and intended project's upcoming process to ensure that the City Council was comfortable with staff's effort going forward. City Council collaborated on the next step to accelerate the public and engineering process over the spring with different options.

- ✓ Educating the community, outreach, and process.
- ✓ Range of options adding back traffic lane – different options with bike lane

Don requested staff to include the Transportation and Sustainability Commissions as part of the formal process presented to City Council to weigh-in.

**Agenda Item 7 – Water Rates Issue**

Don gave an update on the Water Rate process.

- ✓ Public involvement – importance of community engagement, outreach to customers
- ✓ Conservation Rate structure
- ✓ Year 2 increase suspended
- ✓ City Council expectations
  - Rate Study in March

- Data Collection
- Targeted conservation education to large residential users

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Fire Station**

A group of ASU School of Sustainability students put together a presentation highlighting potential Sustainability investment options. They also presented a few case studies that have been developed by other cities.

Don emphasized the importance of outreach and public engagement on this project in order to ensure the community, or those impacted, understood and were participatory to proposed projects.

#### **Agenda Item 9 – ASU Urban Forestry**

Commissioner Hawkey gave an update about ASU Urban Forestry and ASU carbon offset

- ✓ ASU has received a grant from Duke University to advance the understanding of the urban canopy in a desert climate

#### **Agenda Item 10 – Council Referrals**

Deferred to the next meeting

#### **Agenda Item 11 – Staff Update**

Staff Updates – no additional

#### **Agenda Item 12 – Housekeeping items**

Chair Kane talked about the Commissioners' reappointment and appointment approved by City Council on December 8<sup>th</sup> to the Sustainability Commission.

#### **Agenda Item 13 – Future Agenda**

Chair and Vice Chair Election – January 2017

County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program & Family Justice Commission updates – Commissioner Monty – January 2017

Sustainability Manager work plan – January 2017

Agenda - Restructuring Format – January 2017

Commissioner Monty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Redman seconded.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.

Prepared by: Carla Sidi

Reviewed by: Don Bessler