



Commission on Climate, Energy and Sustainability

Thursday, August 24, 2023, 3:30 PM - 5 PM

This meeting was held virtually to on Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Approved Sept. 28. 2023

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:34 PM by Chair Jim Sell

Present:

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| Vanessa Gallego (Chair) | Representative, Ward 1 |
| Ojas Sanghi | Representative, Ward 3 |
| David Garcia | Representative, Ward 5 |
| Jim Sell | Representative, Ward 6 |
| Alma Anides Morales (Secretary) | Representative, Mayor's Office |
| Garret Weaver | Representative, City Manager's Office |
| Camila Martins-Bekat | Tucson Electric Power |
| John Eisele | Representative, City Manager's Office Environmental Organization Combating & Adapting to Climate Change |

Staff Members & Guests:

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| Michael Catanzaro | Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD) |
| Ian Wan | Presenter, Planning and Development Services |
| Amanda Smith | Presenter, Planning and Development Services |

Absent:

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| Adriana Bachmann | Representative, Ward 2 |
| Tiffany Cleveland | Representative, Ward 4 |

2) Call to Audience - No audience response

3) Plan Tucson Presentation (Amanda Smith and Ian Wan)

Ian Wan presented the opportunity for commissioners to join Multiple commissioners on one working group would pose an issue of quorum with Boards and Commission

Most popular working groups Water & Climate Action & Greenspace
Consultants for Plan Tucson include local Southwest Decision Resources
2013 was the last time Plan Tucson wa updated & voter ratified
Community engagement includes 64 public meetings & 5 public hearings

Plan Tucson 2023-2025 Phase 2 September Kick Off

Phase 2 Community Dialog - Define plan for the future
Working Groups timeline -6 months or more, staff takes lead & Equity Office.
Goal is to help identify key topics, contribute knowledge & interim decision making

Who participates are diverse communities and industries, including City of Tucson employees, Boards & Commissions, stakeholders. Meetings will be virtual & in person 3-5 hours, to join email ian.wan@tucsonaz.gov

Topics & Dates

- 9/7 Economic Vitality
- 9/12 Community Resources
- 9/20 Water, Climate Action & Greenspace
- 9/21 Land use, Housing, Urban Design
- 9/27 Transportation Mobility

This will be an agenda item for a next meeting 9/28

4) Approval of Minutes (May and June)

- a. May 2023- Motioned by Commissioner Camila Martins-Bekat, Seconded by Commissioner Ojas Sanghi- Motion passes
- b. June 2023- Motioned by Commissioner John Eisele, Seconded by Commissioner Oja Sanghi- Motion Passes

5) Report from Chair

- a. One on Ones with Chair Sell continue with a goal to meet with appointers
Request of commissioners to provide a short resume so we all have access
Accountability subcommittee makes agenda to be submitted two weeks prior
Michael C to ask Boards & Commissions to approve a Google Drive folder for commissioners to access documents. New meeting times are now the 4th Thursday of the month.

6) Annual Report 2022

Commissioner Garret Weaver motioned, Commissioner David Garcia seconded, motion passes

7) Subcommittee Reports

- 1. Accountability Report back -Retreat Report Proposed Dates-
for Saturday 9/30, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4 for a total of 4 hours in the morning
Goals of the retreat to answer the who, what, and how and establish
shared values, share experiences, goals both short and long
term and set standing committees. Michael Catanzaro to send a Doodle poll for responses on dates
- 2. Microgrid Subcommittee Letter - Summary by Commissioner Weaver
Sections were agreed upon and will fill in with feedback
Microgrid proposed on the Norte Sur Corridor to have climate action impacts
Feedback and questions from commissioners were given as well as approvals of the report from commissioners. A special meeting to commence in September to approve the report and letter by October 3, 2023 Mayor and Council meeting.

8) Energy Manager Report

Michael Catanzaro reports new Resiliency Officer is Fatima Luna, COT Climate & Sustainability Advisor

Plan Tucson Working Groups start in September and expressed commissioners should not wait until next meeting as an agenda item

Transportation group currently has Commissioner Vanessa Gallego, Commissioner Camila

Martins-Bekat, and Housing group has Chair Sell

9) Call to Audience

Amanda Smith introduces themselves and expresses how important the workgroups for Plan Tucson are for commissioners to join

10) Future Agenda items

Chair Sell suggests bringing new Resiliency Officer is Fatima Luna for a meet and greet
Commissioner Sanghi suggests conversation on climate action involvement and participation in the implementation

11) Adjournment by Chair Sell at 4:51 PM