



Commission on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability Thursday, December 14, 2023, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

This meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams

Minutes

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM by Chair Jim Sell

Present:

Vanessa Gallego	Representative, Ward 1
Adriana Bachmann	Representative, Ward 2
Ojas Sanghi	Representative, Ward 3
Jim Sell	Representative, Ward 6
Alma Lizette Anides Morales	Representative, Mayor's Office
Garrett Weaver	Representative, City Manager
Camila Martins-Bekat	Representative, City Manager, Tucson Electric Power
John Eisele	Representative, City Manager, Office Environmental Organization Combating & Adapting to Climate Change

Staff Members & Guests:

Michael Catanzaro	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)
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Absent:

David Garcia	Representative, Ward 5
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2) Call to the Audience - Bruce Plenk in attendance. Thanked the commission for the retreat minutes. Mr. Plenk indicated he would like to see a citizen advisory board, he would like to have more public input, would like to know what is going on in the city as it's happening, not after and wants to know what the county is doing on the pollution reduction grant. Mr. Plenk said information on the pollution reduction grant is not available on the climate action plan nor on the climate update.

3) Approval of Minutes

November 16, 2023 minutes approval: Commissioner Anides Morales requested that both her last names be used in the minutes. Commissioner Eiesle motioned and Commissioner Martins-Bekat seconded for the approval of the minutes as corrected.

4) Report from the Chair

Chair Sell indicated that he talked to Fatima Luna and that the city is adding one more staff person onto the CAAP team to help.

5) Election of Officers

Commissioner Weaver motioned for the election of Commissioner Bachmann to Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Eiesle. Approved by commission unanimously

Commissioner Eiesle motioned for the election of Commissioner Weaver to Secretary, Commissioner Bachmann seconded. Approved by commission unanimously.

6) Planning Discussion

The commission determined the teams they would organize into pairs.

- Commissioner Martins-Bekat and Commissioner Eisele decided to pair up and work on EV and transit.
- Commissioner Anides Morales and Commissioner Sell paired up to focus on the natural environment and community resilience.
- Commissioner Bachmann decided to focus on leadership and the social environment.
- Commissioner Gallego decided to focus on Mobility, Transportation and Resource Recovery.
- Commissioner Weaver and Commissioner Sanghi decided to work on Energy, Built environment, and Economic environment.

The commission discussed a conflict with meeting on January 25th, where several members will be attending Sierra Club's Environment Day at the Capitol. Commissioner Weaver proposed holding the January meeting on January 18th.

7) Energy Managers Report

Energy Manager Catanzaro reported that the city is applying for the community pollution reduction grant. Landfill gas project is a potential project, as well as fleet electrification, Compost program, Microgrids, and other projects. \$250,000,000 grant partnering with county on. Reported that the Energy Resources study deadline got extended to Dec 15 because the city got a lot of questions about it.

8) Call to the Audience

Bruce Plenk in attendance, talked about the Solar empowerment project. Program provides solar to low income households. Asked that the commission take a look at it.

9) Future Agenda Items

Solar empowerment project
CAAP Public Outreach

10) Adjournment

At 5:00 Commissioner Eisele moved to adjourn.