



## Commission on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Conference Room  
City Council Ward 6  
3202 E. 1st Street  
Tucson, Arizona, 85716

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:02 by Chair Jim Sell

#### Present:

Jim Sell (in-person)	Representative, Ward 6
Manon Getsi (remote, Teams, exited at 3:30)	Representative, Ward 5
Katy Brown (in-person)	Representative, City Manager
Vanessa Gallego (remote, Teams)	Representative, Ward 1
Dan Stormont (remote, Teams)	Representative, City Manager
Garrett Weaver (in-person)	Representative, City Manager
Ojas Sanghi (remote, Teams, signed on at 2:26)	Representative, Ward 3

#### Staff Members & Guests:

Michael Catanzaro	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)
Elena Ortiz	

#### Absent:

Camila Martins-Bekat	Representative, City Manager, Tucson Electric Power
Adriana Bachmann	Representative, Ward 2

#### 2) Approval of Minutes (January 22)

Chair Sell suggested, in Call to Order, converting "In person" to "in-person".

Comm. Stormont suggested changing Katie to Katy.

Comm. Stormont, page 3 suggested changing "Departments can take" to "Departments can make".

Comm. Stormont, page 3 suggested changing "I've heard frustration from" to "I've heard from".

Comm. Stormont, page 3 suggested changing "policies are immeasurable" to "policies are unmeasurable".

Comm. Stormont, page 3 suggested changing "generally speaking; leading" to "generally speaking leading".

Comm. Stormont, page 4 suggested to change "commented that Ecosystems 5, commented that" to "commented that Ecosystems 5, that".

Comm. Stormont, page 4 removed suggested to change "Chair Sell Specifics on Environment, Environment 2. " .

Comm. Brown suggested replacing “SMART goals” with “SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely) goals” .

Comm. Brown suggested replacing “that could mean city of tucson “ to “that could mean City of Tucson”.

Comm. Brown suggested adding “government suggested” to “government, and lower case c means community, suggested”.

Chair Sell Page 3 suggested changing “proved, we’d like to” to “proved, we’d like to look into this more closely”.

Chair Sell suggested changing “Chair Sell Specifics on Environment, Environment 2.” to “Chair Sell Specifics on Environment, Environment 2 air, water, noise, solid waste pollution. “

Chair Sell, Page 3, suggested changing “Climate 5 “ to “Climate Policy 5 “.

Chair Sell, Page 3, suggested changing “speaking; leading with” to “speaking; useful to lead with”.

Chair Sell, Page 4, suggested changing “in Climate 7 “ to “in Climate Policy 7 “.

Chair Sell, Page 4, suggested changing “Climate 12” to “Climate Policy 12”.

Chair Sell, Page 4, suggested changing “Ecosystems 5” to “Ecosystems Policy 5”.

Chair Sell, Page 4, suggested changing “Environment 6” to “Environment Policy 6”.

Chair Sell, Page 4, suggested changing “decision to” “decision what to”.

Comm. Stormont moved to pass minutes as amended.

Comm. Brown seconded.

### **3) Report from Chair**

Comm. Brown and Comm. Getsi are the newest members. Ward 4 is remaining [without a nominee].

Chair Sell has been working with the Chief of Staff in their [Ward 4] office to find a new appointee.

### **4) Annual Report**

Chair Sell reported that Comm. Stormont pointed out that he was not on the report.

Use this as a springboard to find our goals from this year.

Chair Sell noticed an omission that Natalie Shepp was not listed as a speaker.

Comm. Weaver commented that he likes the updates on quantifying total warming.

Comm. Getsi talked about bee keepers have been impacted by climate. Suggested getting individual accounts on climate.

Comm. Stormont agreed that we could look into that.

Comm. Brown, agreed on telling stories, looked at mission and purpose, asked about tabling and community outreach as being in our mission.

Chair Sell said we have a broad mission. Said that broadening mandate may be necessary. We’ve been advised by Boards and Commissions that we cannot influence the governor’s office or TUSD.

Comm. Brown appreciated the feedback and history.

There was discussion of the 2011 Climate Mitigation Report by the City’s Climate Change Committee with consultation support by the Westmorland group. There was no mention of it in Tucson Resilient Together.

Comm. Brown suggested finding out why the plan is not in the Tucson Resilient Together (TRT), and if it’s not included in scope, ask why that is.

Comm. Stormont discussed previous plans that City and County have worked on, one goal was to improve the flow of washes for more stormwater infiltration and said that plan was not implemented.

Chair Sell discussed grants to bring Civano up. Suggested building a database of projects.

Comm. Brown said we should make sure that we are moving from paper, reports with good ideas, and towards action.

Comm. Gallego commented that the plan will be to formalize our direction.

Comm. Stormont said we should make a family tree of plans.

EM Catanzaro said that in Plan Tucson there was a matrix of existing plans. Will track down documents and see if it's releasable to the public.

Comm. Brown said it would be good to have a status bar on TRT implementation.

EM Catanzaro discussed the creation of the climate dashboard.

There was a discussion of the TEP Franchise agreement, that it would be an opportunity to suggest policies to Mayor and Council through a letter.

There was discussion of the GDS Associates public forum and presentation to CCES. Chair Sell asked, and EM Catanzaro confirmed that GDS Associates will be presenting in the March CCES meeting.

Comm. Getsi indicated that building up a library would be helpful. Talked about work on a previous commission.

Chair Sell summarized that a library of previous documents can be put together, but it would be incomplete.

Comm. Stormont added that the stormwater report is a great plan that is only accessible through internet archive.

Chair Sell said that the Metropolitan Energy Commission put together a report on energy.

There was a discussion of calendars. With discussion of limitations of having someone update it, and having people use it. Some discussion of whether it should be done by the city, commission, or another body.

There was discussion of when to meet. It was agreed to meet at 1pm - 3pm on the fourth Wednesday of the Month.

There was discussion of having a standing meeting scheduled on the Boards and Commission site, EM Catanzaro said he can work on that.

There was discussion on documenting what was done, and what is in progress. Commissioners concluded that it would help to say what we did do, and what is still in work.

Comm. Weaver suggested reworking wording of “redone” on page 5, in relation to the boards and commissions handbook, of the draft report.

There was discussion about outreach and engagement and using social media as a commission. Chair Sell agreed that he would rework two paragraphs of page 4 regarding researching and exchanging information and transmitting information to the community and organize feedback.

## **5) Outreach Committee - None**

### **6) Energy Manager Report**

Municipalization study will be tomorrow. Fresh link will be sent out.

EM Catanzaro asked if everyone received the draft annual report.

Comm. Brown said that she did not receive the report.

Comm. Brown noted that one thing that is missing from Plan Tucson when discussing community partners is what Pima Community College has been doing on sustainability. PCC has a Climate and Sustainability Action Plan that it is implementing.

## **7) Climate Resilience Report - None**

### **8) Call to Audience**

Elena Ortiz - Lived in Tucson since 1995. Works in environmental policy. Wants to understand what cities are doing and responding to climate change. Likes to see what the commission is doing. Looking at furthering connections and working with the commission. Thanked the commission for their work, hopes to see members in the community soon.

### **9) Future Agenda items.**

For the next meeting, it will be March 26th at 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

Comm. Brown asked if we could have an orientation for new members.

EM Catanzaro said GDS is available to come next month and commented that we also have Plan Tucson.

Chair Sell said he’s anticipating Plan Tucson to come out in April.

Comm. Sanghi talked about Distributed Capacity Procurement, suggested doing a report similar to the Microgrid Report.

There was discussion of having an agenda item for forming a subcommittee to look at Distributed Capacity Procurement.

EM Catanzaro mentioned the Heat resiliency program.

**10) Adjournment - Chair Sell Adjourned the meeting 4:04.**