



Commission on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability Thursday, March 28, 2024, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Office of City Council Ward 6
3202 E 1st Street
Tucson, Arizona, 85716
Legal Action Report

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:33 by Chair Jim Sell

Present:

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

Staff Members & Guests:

Michael Catanzaro	Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services Department (EGSD)
Kevin Greene	Sustainable Tucson.
Naomi Greene	
Judith Anderson	Greater Tucson Climate Coalition, Citizens Climate Lobby, and Arizonans' for Community Choice.

Absent:

Vanessa Gallego	Representative, Ward 1
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2) Call to the Audience

Kevin Greene in attendance, on zero waste chair with Sustainable Tucson. Released Zero Waste Road Map. Goal is to reduce discarded materials to Los Reales by 70%-90%. Eliminate waste to fuel, known as pyrolysis. Wants to keep materials in circulation; recycling alone will not eliminate waste. We need to replace single use disposables. Zero Waste can eliminate Greenhouse Gas Emissions through reduction or use of resources, production, and transportation. Has a program that the city can use to reduce waste, including food waste. Addresses high material contamination levels and low reuse. Austin, Washington DC, and Minneapolis are examples of cities that are doing this. Please reach out at kevin@sustainabletucson.org

Judith Anderson. Talked on expanding community engagement. Noted that CCES is one forum of engagement. You have been handpicked by M&C as trusted advisors but have little exposure to the public. We had 15 organizations sign onto a proposal. Climate Action Team is about to hire a public

outreach coordinator. Denver has governance, transportation, energy, resource recovery. Proposed tying these points to climate action team itself. Deal with implementation. We have 120+ actions. Public does not know priority. There is a role that the public can play in organizing. Citizens are passionate about energy. Denver has task forces of 120 citizens on a rolling basis. There were 150 applications for 80 open slots. We can give the CAT team a white paper on how to structure this. There are currently one way inputs to influence the process, such as sticky notes, 3-minute speeches. This goes into a black box, there's no discussion of how decisions are made. Asked how the public can help. Asked how to expand outreach.

3) Approval of Minutes (Feb 22, Mar 15)

March 15th.

Comm. Bachmann motioned to approve as amended. Comm. Eisele seconded.

February 22nd.

Comm. Sanghi motioned to approve as amended. Comm. Eisele seconded.

4) Report from the Chair - None

5) Annual Report 2023

Comm. Weaver motioned to approve as amended. Comm. Eisele seconded.

6) Planning Discussion (Comparison of plans) - None

7) Outreach Potential - None

8) Energy Manager Report - None

9) Call to Audience

Judith Anderson - Meaningful citizens engagement is needed. You can change the format of once monthly meeting. Have another meeting for public outreach workshop. Continue outreach with public. Clearly make recommendations to city leadership. Invite orgs. Public engagement with franchise agreement. TEP paid \$800,000 for the failed prop 412 election.

Naomi Greene - before she retired she did public outreach statewide in Illinois. Suggested The Commission can serve as facilitators. Can serve as resources. There is a role of ward offices, The Commission could move meetings to different ward offices. Invite the media, a lunch, a session to educate the media on plans that are prepared and discussed. Posting content with experts on YouTube. Bilingual churches could be involved.

Kevin Greene - Take a look at GTCCs recommendation to city leaders. There was not much stakeholder engagement in the grant process after the report. You can go to the Mayor's Office and make suggestions on how to engage the public on decisions. Doesn't like learning about things through press releases. You must unify what is happening in Tucson. You can be facilitators and help the Mayor's Office and get feedback from stakeholder groups.

10) Future Agenda items

None.

11) Adjournment

Chair Sell adjourned the meeting at 5:08.