



Commission on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

This meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams

Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair Jim Sell

Present:

Jim Sell

Adriana Bachmann

Garrett Weaver

Representative, Ward 6

Representative, Ward 2

Representative, City Manager

Staff Members & Guests:

Michael Catanzaro

Energy Manager, Environmental & General Services
Department (EGSD)

Absent:

Vanessa Gallego

Alma Lizette Anides Morales

Adriana Bachmann

Ojas Sanghi

David Garcia

Camila Martins-Bekat

John Eisele

Representative, Ward 1

Representative, Mayor's Office

Representative, Ward 2

Representative, Ward 3

Representative, Ward 5

Representative, City Manager, Tucson Electric Power

Representative, City Manager, Office Environmental
Organization Combating & Adapting to Climate Change

2) Call to the Audience - No response

3) Review of January Minutes

Secretary Weaver will put together the draft for the Legal Action Report.

Energy Manager Catanzaro will ask city staff for guidance on filing the Legal Action Reports for the heat planning summit and the January meeting where the commission did not meet quorum.

4) February 29 Meeting Agenda

Vice-Chair Bachmann asked about the date of the CCES meeting.

Chair Sell confirmed that the next CCES meeting will be on February 22nd.

Vice-Chair Bachmann invited Sandy Barr to speak to the commission on summarizing lobby day and environmental legislation for 20 minutes. Chair Sell allocated 30 minutes on the agenda.

Chair Sell allocated 30 Minutes for discussion on the agenda for Plan Tucson and Tucson Resilient Together. Goal would be to identify and build expertise of point people on issues and find direction on community action.

5) Planning for Future Programs

Chair Sell suggested a watershed management presentation as an in person meeting.

Vice-Chair Bachmann indicated that she is concerned with meeting quorum. Secretary Weaver said that he and Energy Manager Catanzaro confirmed that guidance has been sent from the clerks office that quorum rules are now set to the majority of filled seats. Chair Sell said that he has gotten resignations from Comm. Cleveland and Comm. Garcia. Energy Manager Catanzaro indicated that those resignations should be forwarded to Board and Commissions so that records can be kept up to date.

Chair Sell indicated that he would like the March 28 meeting to be held in person at the Ward 6 office to get our commissioners into the habit of meeting in person again. Then we can host the April meeting at Watershed Management Group to get a tour of their facility.

Chair Sell indicated that he would like to do something on buildings. Secretary Weaver said that Leslie Ethan is working on building code updates. Chair Sell asked about county personnel we can reach out to. Vice-Chair Bachmann offered to reach out to Natalie Shepp with the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, then Energy Manager Catanzaro shared he has regular meetings with Ms. Shepp and would be happy to reach out to her via email to invite her to our next meeting.

Commissioners agreed the March 28 meeting would be dedicated to an update on Pima County's Climate Pollution Reduction Planning, with Ms. Shepp providing a summary of the planning efforts. Secretary Weaver pointed out that Climate Action Plan Outreach has come up three times in future agenda items in past minutes. Chair Sell and Vice-Chair Bachmann indicated they like the idea of using social media, hosting a public forum, and a website to post content. If we are not able to host our own website as a commission, Vice-Chair Bachmann recommended working together with Chief Resilience Officer Fatima Luna to post updates on the Climate Action Hub if she is agreeable to it.

Vice-Chair Bachmann recommended we invite Ms. Luna to the May meeting to provide an update on the Climate Action Hub. Ms. Luna had mentioned at the CCES Retreat in November 2023 that her team was working on updating the website and adding a dashboard to include ongoing updates to KPIs. Chair Sell agreed it would be nice to get an update on that.

Commissioners agreed to discuss a public forum at the next Executive meeting to plan an agenda item to discuss a public forum at the following CCES meeting.

6) 2022 Annual Report

Chair Sell said that in the past the commission has asked everyone to comment on what they've been doing and what they think we should be doing to integrate into a report. Chair Sell indicated that the text of this agenda item should have read "2023 Annual Report".

Secretary Weaver asked about the timetable for the 2023 annual report. Chair Sell said that Boards and Commissions would like the report in March. Energy Manager Catanzaro said that Boards and Commissions will accept the report at any time. Chair Sell said that he will inform commissioners of the annual report during the report from the chair agenda item of the February CCES meeting.

8) Adjournment

Chair Sell Adjourned the meeting at 7:30.

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