



Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE and to the general public that THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public:

2015
CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

August 19, 2015

MINUTES

The CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE (CCC) held a meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2015, 3:00 PM, at the Tucson Parks and Recreation Administration Office (900 S Randolph Way), Tucson, Arizona. The meeting took place in the Mesquite Conference Room.

1. Call to Order/ Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 3:22 pm, Juan Garcia, Gregg Garfin, Charles Hutchinson, Dick Reeves, Ben Champion, Frank Slingerland, Ron Proctor, Nicole Sweeny, Lisette DeMars, Joanie Sawyer, Michael Ray, and Barbara Warren in attendance.

2. Action: July 14, 2015 Minutes

Frank made a motion to approve the July minutes as noted. Joanie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

3. General Announcements

Lisette – Arizona Farmer & Chef Connection on September 16, 2015 at the Tucson Convention Center from 12PM-7PM. www.LocalFirstAZFoundation.org/azfarmerchef/

Joanie – September 16, 2015: Planning Commission Public Hearing on Urban Agriculture, Mayor and Council Chambers City Hall, 255 West Alameda

Because both of these events will take place downtown, the committee discussed having the September meeting at an alternate location and has asked staff to find a location downtown to hold the September 16, 2015 meeting.

4. Status: CCC Membership update

Staff provided an update that Dr. James Sell would be on the September 9, 2015 M/C Agenda for appointment to the committee to the alternate seat of Green Infrastructure. The committee discussed other possible candidates and will ask their interest in joining. Chaz Shelton of Merchants Garden was in attendance and will send the committee a letter of interest in joining. Chris Basil was asked if she had interest in joining the committee by Barbara during call to the audience agenda item. Council Member Fimbres has expressed a desire to have a member of Ward 5 on the committee, Mark Kerr to help facilitate this.

Approved September 16, 2015

5. Mayor and Council Meeting updates

Nicole and Gregg met with Ward 5 CM Fimbres regarding the "Net Zero" recommendation letter.

- How do we achieve the goal, what measures?
- Does not think now is the time to push for action (Budget Issues, lack of money)
- Would like the CCC to help with outreach to Southside to raise awareness of Climate Issues.
- Willing to write letters of support for Grant applications

Joanie has scheduled a meeting with Ward 4 CM Shirley Scott for September 10, 2015 – Ron to attend this meeting with Joanie.

Next Steps

- Organized activity to Brainstorm ideas (mitigation measures, funding ideas, etc.) to present to M&C. This list to be vetted and revised outside the committee (subcommittee).
- Schedule Item for M&C Study Session

6. Adaptation subcommittee report

Adaptation Subcommittee provided an update on their work. Six sections in the draft adaptation report, will aim to give presentation of draft at the September meeting.

- Built Environment
- Food and Nutrition
- Health and Human Services
- Land Use and Transportation
- Urban Natural Resources
- Water Supply and Use

7. Action: Draft recommendation to M&C in support of national Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation and potential creation of subcommittee.

After committee discussion this Item was shelved. Committee to focus on current works in progress.

8. Action: Vote on timeline for Co-chair elections and create a nominating committee

With Nicole expecting to be out January to April, and Ron's announcement that he will be leaving the committee at the end of December, the committee discussed the need to move the Co-Chair elections up to October to provide a 2 month overlap to orient the new Co-Chairs to the duties of the position. Nominations are now open and will be taken through the September meeting. All nominations between now and the September meeting should be emailed to Juan Garcia for creation of a nomination list. If a current member of the committee should have questions about the Co-Chair duties, they are encouraged to contact Nicole or Ron to discuss. The timeline was set as follows

Ben made a motion to accept the discussed timeline of

- 1) Accepting nominations through the September 16 meeting
- 2) Election of Co-chairs at October 21, 2015 meeting.

Motion was seconded by Barbara and was unanimously approved.

9. Future agenda items

The committee requested that the next agenda include:

- Mitigation measures brainstorm
- Presentation from Tucson Clean and Beautiful
- Adaptation Committee presentation

10. Call to Audience

Kris Basel

- In favor of a local carbon tax
- Finding funding should be the primary focus of the committee
- Need to pursue local carbon tax/grants/small business loan programs/ green retrofit incentives
- Need a sales pitch when talking to M&C, we need money but this is how it will help save money.
- Recommends the book Green Collar Economy by Van Jones
- In favor of moving the September meeting downtown/ draw other interested people

Chaz Shelton

- Co-founder, Merchant's Garden Agro Tech LLC.
- Interest in sustainability, locally farmed produce.
- His resume and business's executive summary have been previously distributed to the committee
- Will be submitting a letter of interest in joining the committee

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM