



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
December 16, 2015

MINUTES

The **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE (CCC)** held a meeting on **Wednesday, December 16, 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

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 3:11 PM. In attendance were Dick Reeves, Ben Champion, James Sell, Ron Proctor, Linda Ellinor, Nicole Sweeney, Lisette DeMars, John Schwarz, Joanie Sawyer, Michael Ray, Barbara Warren, Juan Garcia.

2. Action: October 21, 2015 Minutes

John made motion to approve the October minutes as amended. Barbara seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

3. General Announcements

Barbara

- The Paulo Freire Freedom School gave a Climate Change presentation on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. 6th and 7th grade classes, each child gave a talk on some aspect of Climate change from greenhouse gasses to international impacts, and what the world is going to look like when they grow up, and what the future would look like if we do what needs to be done. It was recorded and hopefully the community will be able to see it.

John

- San Diego voted to legally bind themselves to use no carbon energy by 2035. Maybe we can learn how they are going to do this.

Ron

- The Paris talks, group went in with a 2 centigrade goal, came out with a 1.5. Very encouraging that the goals are going in the right direction.

Ben

- In preparation for the Paris talks, the Obama administration reached out to universities to survey what efforts are being made to complement their previous outreach to business.

4. Status: CCC Membership update

Staff provided an update that Madeline Kiser was appointed to the committee by Mayor and Council at the December 8, 2015 meeting to the primary Social Services seat. Nicole brought up that Madeline Kiser would not be able to attend with the current schedule of every 3rd Wednesday of the month. The

Committee discussed the schedule and a general consensus was reached to schedule the 2016 meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

5. Presentation: Skip Laitner – Ratepayers Expect New Economic Wisdom (RENEW)

Skip Laitner, Energy and Resource Economist, Economic and Human Research Associates, presented: Ratepayers Expect New Economic Wisdom (RENEW). Please see attached information. Discussion was held. No action taken.

6. Adaptation subcommittee report and discussion

Ben reported that no progress has been made on the report.

Discussion was held.

James

- Thought to breaking this up into pieces? Have a very good climate impact assessment. Nice document to send on and begin working on next piece, what community is doing and incorporate pieces (Plan Tucson) into framework. Do assessment-submit to M/C, come back with what is going on, then planning process.

Ben

- Subcommittee report, whole committee needs to decide how to use this. Not a scientific analysis, a starting point for conversation. Next steps, propose this as framework to M/C and ask for support in engaging with community/ constituency about their plans to address these issues. Community wide plan would be accumulation of these plans.

Ron

- Appropriate to take the draft back to our people (Sustainable Tucson) for input?

Ben

- Premature to do this before the committee has agreed that it's a good framework.

Linda

- How was this put together? What's the scope? Need to have act together before going to M/C.

Nicole

- Last month talked about this as a draft plan, now talking about it as a framework for the development of an adaptation plan. Need to clarify scope to keep moving forward.

Ben

- Committee recognizes have no capacity for full analysis like. Previous plans had no buy in, nothing came of those recommendations. Need to ask community what are current efforts and what are they preparing for. Paris accords.

James

- Present assessment to M/C and ask where do we go from here?

Michael

- Story telling is a good strategy for each area of this report. More effective method.

Linda

- Can see going to the city with this approach, merely a framework with scoped out areas.

Nicole

- What forward path do we want to take? Reframing it as a framework changes the approach we take, lends itself to socializing it with community organizations. What kind of timeline?

Barbara

- Concerns about our resources/authority to organize in the community? What capacity of work does this committee have?

Nicole

- This level of community outreach should come from M/C direction to City staff.

Barbara

- City failed to implement mitigation plan due to lack of resources, we need to be careful what we ask for.

Linda

- Collaborate with key stakeholders first, out of this may come issues the public would want to focus on. Core decisions can be made.

Ben

- Envision a kickoff event, convening of key entities hosted by M/C. Workshop kind of thing. At the end of this conference, each goes back to their organizations and think through this framework and come back together in a year with what each came up with and share.

James

- Round tables in the Wards?

Linda

- Faster we can launch, the faster we can fill in the framework

John

- One of the big things to come out of Paris was the agreement on how to measure things. Secondly, agreement on broadly defined targets. Can measure progress towards these targets. Missing from this plan/discussion.

Ben

- University commitment requires identifying indicators and measuring them towards resiliency. Broadly embraced indicators across the community is a discussion that needs to happen.

7. Action: Moving the carbon Neutral by 2040 recommendation to M&C forward

Nicole

- Have received commitments from almost all council offices including the Mayor's office that they would be willing to introduce it. Sent an email to CM Cunningham before the election to say that we have met with all the council office's and asking if he was still willing to do so. Have not received a response, will send the email again and follow up. If we do not get a response, we can go to the other CMs that agreed to introduce it at a study session.

Ron

- Lots of interest in the information that Ben brought forward (Slides), we can use that information for the study session.

Nicole

- This material lends itself very well to pair with the conversation for study session. Will have three items 1) The recommendation 2) High level list of actions put together by the committee 3) The presentation Ben prepared and gave to the committee.

Ron

- Future agenda item for the committee to finalize these materials.

Linda

- County may be willing to share their internal operations adaptation plan; might be some measurements we could use as well.

Nicole

- I think it is a mitigation plan.

Michael

- Measure in use vs. the measures needed is a gap that needs to be explored.

8. Future agenda items

The committee requested that the next agenda include:

- Adaption report discussion
- TEP Rate case and clean power plan presentation.
- Finalize greenhouse gas recommendation for M/C

9. Call to Audience

Leah Conrad

- Pima Association of Governments, at our Environmental Planning Advisory Committee at their last meeting, members suggested moving forward with a Climate Resiliency resolution they have been working on. We have met with some members of the adaptation subcommittee. If it goes to our EPAC committee, and if it is recommended, it will then go to PAG's Management Committee as a draft. A non-binding resolution that looks at issues facing our communities and what is currently being done, and looks at where we should be collaborating.

Kris Basil

- Realtor with Omni Homes International, I think that a company like TEP needs public pressure to move their propositions forward with the ACC. Sustainability is about the economy; we need to reduce our inefficiencies. Part of climate change and sustainability is an economic rescue for our community. I believe the committee should just jump in with the plan and don't underestimate the power of the community to get involved, this will grow organically. My interest in attending this committee is to learn and talk to the community about these things. Weatherization in LEED buildings, transportation-why don't we have a blue bike type rental bike system, and Food -we have great farmer's markets. Health and wellness is our niche and we need to build on this.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM