

Commissioner Jeremy Stapleton, Chair, also introduced and welcomed John Nelson as the newest member of the Commission. Commissioner Nelson provided a brief background on his extensive public service career as well as his personal life and community involvement. Mr. Nelson's term will expire August 31, 2017.

III. Public Comment – No One Spoke

IV. Public Policy Workgroup Update – Subcommittee Framework

Commissioner Colin Tetreault briefly discussed the basis of the workgroup's formation and provided an update from their last meeting where the role of a public policy subcommittee was discussed and defined. Commissioner Tetreault provided a timeline and proposed schedule as follows:

- July – Meet to finalize policy goals and priorities and scope out proposed membership.
- August – Provide written report; develop a draft charter.
- September – Vote to establish the charter/subcommittee.

V. EQC Innovation Contest: Finalize Scope of Work

Commissioner Spencer Scharff stated the revised version of the scope-of-work is similar to the last draft and includes suggestions by the Commission. The major change involved reformatting – the section titled, "The Challenge" was moved above "The Story" and submissions are now due November 1, 2016.

Commissioner Scharff also summarized his consultation with an ASU Professor who has agreed to pitch the idea to various groups of students. The students can work together on the Contest as a thesis project. Mr. Scharff stressed the idea of the Contest is to encourage innovation.

Some discussion ensued on establishing economic feasibility parameters and page and word limit requirements.

Next steps include adding contact information, revisiting the Mayor's office with the final version and reengaging them for the roll-out, and determining how the distribution of ideas will be compiled. Regarding the latter, Commissioners were asked to forward suggestions to OEP.

VI. EQC Name Change

Commissioner Jessica Garcia briefed the Commission on the By-Laws and rules of procedure with regards to adding "Sustainability" to the current name of the Commission. She stressed the name change will need City Council approval. Her proposed schedule for the process included holding a vote and finalizing the name selection at today's meeting, making the necessary changes in July and holding discussions at the August meeting. Commissioner Garcia plans to appear before City Council Subcommittee in September with the recommendation.

****Commissioner Talonya Adams arrived at 8:06 a.m.**

ACTION:

Commissioners were presented with four name change options:

- 1. Sustainability and Environmental Quality Commission**
- 2. Commission on Sustainability and Environmental Quality**
- 3. Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission**
- 4. Commission on Environmental Quality and Sustainability**

A vote was taken and **Option #3** was selected and carried 9:1. The breakdown in voting was as follows:

YES for Option #3:

Commissioners: Adams, Garcia, Nelson, Offord, Porter, Stapleton, Scharff, Siever, Tetreault,

YES for Option #1:

Commissioner: Sandweg

VII. Discussion:

• **Strategic Area Goals Update:**

- **Water Presentation** – Commissioner Sarah Porter’s presentation was titled “Thinking about Water” and provided an overview of the water problem as it relates specifically to Arizona and the Greater Phoenix areas, respectfully. Detailed information was provided on “The Groundwater Management Act” and water demand by sector including projected changes.

An in-depth and lengthy discussion ensued on several topics including the EQC’s role in articulating a principle for higher water use, water supply and economic development and the alignment of water with growth. Discussions also focused on how the General Plan Update could serve as an initial vehicle to help move water policy issues forward.

Commissioners requested a discussion be held in the fall to help design a principle framework to guide and influence water use and the environment.

- **Sustainable Transportation: Complete Streets Policy/Complete Streets Advisory Board Collaboration**

-Pilot Project – Commissioner Jeremy Stapleton, Chair, announced he attended last month’s meeting and in his update stated the development community has expressed some concern around cost implications in perpetuity and the Board is looking for a mechanism to transfer liability. Commissioner Stapleton stated the City Manager has offered to set up a meeting, along with Deputy City Managers, Karen Peters and Mario Paniagua, to begin dialogue.

Commissioner Stapleton views this as a huge opportunity for the EQC to be a part of the dialogue. He expressed his willingness to continue attending the meetings but asked if the EQC would prefer he attend on his own or as the Chair of the Commission.

ACTION:

Commissioner Sarah Porter made a motion to allow Commissioner Jeremy Stapleton to attend the Complete Streets Advisory Board meetings as the EQC Chair in discussions. Commissioner Spencer Scharff seconded the motion and it carried 10:0.

VIII. Announcements and Review of Future Meeting Agenda

NO MEETING IN JULY!

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, August 11, 2016, 7:30 a.m. Phoenix City Hall, 12th Floor, Conference Room 12 Central

ACTION ITEMS:

- **EQC Commissioners:**
 - **ALL** – Forward suggestions on how ideas should be compiled and distributed for the EQC Innovation Contest to OEP.
 - **Spencer Scharff** – meet with Mayor's office; re-engage for roll-out of 2050 Sustainability Goals Challenge.
 - **Jessica Garcia** – Email legal documents pertaining to EQC Charter to OEP; email updated By-Laws (draft) to OEP; review General Plan for places to categorize water parameters.

- **OEP:**
 - Distribute EQC Innovation Contest suggestions for idea compilations to EQC
 - Distribute information from Commissioner Garcia to EQC

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA:

AUGUST:

Presentation: Changes to By-Laws (to include quorum and other updates)

Update: Greenhouse Gas Inventory

SEPTEMBER:

Presentation: Nexus between Sustainability and Economic Development/Revenue Sharing opportunities.

Discussion: Principle/framework to guide and influence water growth and the environment.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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