

GREENSBORO COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL
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Minutes, Regular Meeting
3pm, Monday, February 12, 2018
Plaza Level Conference Room
Melvin Municipal Office Building
300 West Washington Street

CSC Members Present:

Faun Finley, Chair	Jacques Pierre	Dr. Vicki Foust
Kelli Swain (via telephone)	Kista Mansell	
Hillary Meredith	Paula Ritter-Lipscomb	

Staff and Others Present:

Jeff Sovich, Planning	Jane Nickles, Information Technology
Hart Crane, Planning	Marikay Abuzuaiter, Greensboro City Council
Jonathan King, Planning	Helen Peplowski, Winston-Salem Sustainability Program
Steve Drew, Water Resources	Nicole Spivey, Piedmont Plateau Sierra Club
Tori Carle, Field Operations	Raleigh Stout
Laine Roberts, Field Operations	Stephen McCollum
Joel Landau	Richard Phillips, EQAT
Jess Pusch	Susan L. Phillips
Alexandra Anderson	

Chair Finley called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

Minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting are not yet ready for review and approval.

1. CHAIR GREETINGS/ WELCOME VISITORS

Chair Finley recognized Mr. McNeill for his decision to decline reappointment to the CSC and thanked him for the time and commitment he has contributed in service to the CSC.

Ms Finley welcomed visitors in attendance.

2. QUICK UPDATES

- Summary Video of Meetings for Social Media – Chair Finley stated that at future CSC meetings a CSC member would be called upon to record a brief video (90 seconds or less) to summarize key items or actions from the meeting to post to City social media channels.
- Mitchell Mural, COG Water Resources Department - Chair Finley spoke about an opportunity to paint a mural on the clearwell at the Mitchell Water Treatment Plant. The goal would be to create a public artwork that communicates the preciousness of water and the importance of water conservation.
- Sustainability Speaker Event – Ms Meredith reported on the proposed speaker event. She stated that identifying a source of funding has been a continuing obstacle. Her assessment is that a speaker proposal would need to be submitted to the City accompanied by proposed funding. It would then be up to City if they want to follow through on the CSC's proposal(s). Dr. Foust reported that she has not tracked down detailed information regarding some of the speakers on the CSC's working list. She will report back to group next month.

- Kathleen Clay Edwards Library Earth Day Event Application – Chair Finley reminded the CSC that this application is due February 16. The application requires a description of what the display will consist of. Discussion followed about possible activities the CSC can put on for Earth day. Ms Mansell volunteered for some of the preparation work, including going to an informational meeting held at the library. Ms Mansell, Dr. Foust, and Mr. Pierre volunteered for various activities related to the CSC’s Earth Day display.
- CSC Seat Representing District 4 – Chair Finley noted that Mr. McNeill has declined reappointment to the CSC. She reported that Maura Conley could be a possible new board member and has relevant experience since she works in UNCG’s sustainability program. Ms Finley pointed out that there is also a vacant “at-large” seat on CSC.

3. APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE CSC BY-LAWS

Chair Finley reported that Mr. Yearns and Ms Swain communicated their “yea” votes via email prior to the meeting. She called for a motion to approve the changes to the CSC By-Laws. Dr. Foust moved the item, Ms Mansell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION ON STAR COMMUNITIES IMPLEMENTATION

Helen Peplowski, Winston-Salem Sustainability Coordinator spoke about the process the City of Winston-Salem went through to achieve STAR designation. She spoke about the requirements, the time commitment and other resources required. Ms Peplowski also spoke about the benefits of being STAR certified and possible strategies for garnering support from the council level, based on her experiences.

Jeff Sovich asked how much overlap exists between the STAR Communities program and the CDP Cities program. Ms Peplowski stated that there was very little overlap. Steve Drew stated that he is familiar with the STAR program and, as the director of the Water Resources Department, is very interested in the topic of resiliency. He finds the STAR program intriguing for this reason, however he understands that some departments see difficulty in gathering the required data.

5. ELECTIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Chair Finley opened the floor for discussion regarding elections of Chair and Vice-Chair. Vice Chair Swain reported that she is not seeking reappointment as Vice-Chair. Chair Finley opened the floor to nominations. Dr. Foust nominated Faun Finley to serve again as Chair of the CSC. Board voted unanimously to appoint Chair Finley as CSC chair. Ms Mansell nominated Vicki Foust for the position of Vice-Chair. The CSC voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Vicki Foust as CSC Vice-Chair. Chair Finley stated that the CSC is honored to have someone as energetic, enthusiastic, positive, and knowledgeable as Dr. Foust serving on the board.

6. INCIDENTAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. ITEMS FROM CHAIR** – Chair Finley stated that the minutes from past meetings would be presented for review and approval at the next meeting.
- B. ITEMS FROM VICE-CHAIR** – none.
- C. ITEMS FROM CSC MEMBERS** – none.
- D. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC** – none.
- E. ITEMS FROM STAFF** – none.

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ABSENCES

The CSC acknowledged the excused absence of Kista Mansell, and the unexcused absence of Paula Ritter-Lipscomb.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The CSC adjourned at 4:56pm.