

## **Minutes Neighborhood Advisory Commission Green Sustainability Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2008**

**Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission Green Sustainability Committee, October 21, 2008, 5:30 p.m. Pyle Center, 655 E. Southern.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:** Kevin Kaesberg, Ira King, Susan Knudson, Jeff Sheppard, Jason Short.

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

**City Staff Present:** None.

**Guests Present:** John Sanborn.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Meeting started 5:40 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Selection of Green Sustainability Committee Chair**

Chair Kaesberg made a motion to appoint Commissioners Knudson and Sheppard as co-chairs. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3 – Definition of ‘Green/Sustainability’**

Discussed what green/sustainability means in relation to the NAC and neighborhoods.

**Agenda Item 4 – Types of Neighborhood Initiatives to Pursue**

Commissioner Sheppard shared information from a meeting with George Brooks, a scientist who works in this area. He spoke of the importance of focusing on a few concrete things and his initiative providing ‘kits’ to residents in low income housing to reduce energy and water consumption. Discussed internal Tempe initiatives, for the benefit of members who missed the October NAC meeting. Discussed the “50 Greenest Cities.”

**Agenda Item 5 – Desired Outcome of Initiatives or Goals**

Decided unanimously that the initial goal for our committee is to try to raise awareness about and expand participation in current waste and energy programs and encourage personal initiatives. Jeff will speak with SRP and APS and share information at our next meeting. Kevin will share information about recycling initiatives both residential and commercial. Susan will investigate the specifics of toxic and hazardous waste disposal.

The next meeting we will review information and develop ideas about reaching out to our community to maximize the green benefits of current programs.

Next meeting 11/18/08 at 5:30PM at the Pyle Center and someone else will take minutes.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Commissioner Knudson