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## Minutes City Council's Community Sustainability Economic Sub-Committee September 11, 2009

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Minutes of the meeting of the City Council's Community Sustainability – Economic Sub-Committee held on Friday, September 11, 2009, 9:00 a.m., in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**Sub-Committee Members Present:**

Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian

**City Staff Present:**

Jan Hort, City Clerk

Bonnie Richardson, Comm Dev

Lisa Collins, Dep Dev Svc Mgr/Comm Liaison

Decima Sever, Dev Svcs

Ken Jones, Internal Audit

John Osgood, Dep Pub Wrks Mgr

Gretchen Maynard, TLC

Shelley Hearn, Comm Rel Mgr

Lisa Lathrop, Dev Svcs

Jeff Kulaga, City Manager's Office

Amanda Nelson, Comm Outreach

Jyme Sue McLaren, Comm Dev

Lucy Morales, Pub Wks

Sheri Partridge, Comm Rel

**Guests Present:**

Vice-Mayor Shana Ellis

Tony Taglia, Global Water

Peter Wolff, The Wolff Company

Beth Vershure, Greenbuild 2009

Mona Chandra, RSP Architects

Councilmember Shekerjian called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2009 and June 12, 2009**

Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Councilmember Shekerjian announced that Peter Wolff has agreed to serve as a sub-committee member.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances/Call to the Public**

None.

**Agenda Item 3 – Greenbuild Expo Update**

Beth Vershure announced that November 11 – 13, 2009 there will be a Greenbuild Conference. There will be approximately 25,000 attendees that will take part in seminars, speakers, green building tours and networking.

There will be a Greenbuild kickoff event held on October 6 at the Salt River Project Pera Club. Municipal leadership will be invited and encouraged to participate in these events. There will be 18 Greenbuild tours that are open to the community for a fee. Bonnie Richardson added that these events present an opportunity to promote downtown Tempe. Visitors from England have requested a tour of the transit center during this timeframe.

Councilmember Shekerjian stated that this event should be promoted to the World Affairs Council. Shelley Hearn offered to assist in promoting these community events.

**Agenda Item 4 – Tempe Green Streets Update**

Amanda Nelson announced that on Tuesday, November 10, there will be a Greenstreet party. There will be music, vendors, a green film festival, drinks/discussion activities, the market on Mill and several other elements for visitors to enjoy. ASU is also participating in offering events on this evening. Social media, banners and press releases are being used to promote these festivities.

**Agenda Item 5 – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Update (EECBG)**

John Osgood stated that staff has applied for the \$1.87 million Federal Formula Grant. The administrative portion of the grant is 10%; 20% of the grant funding is geared towards a revolving energy fund – this could be used for municipal retrofit technology. Another \$100,000 would be used for technical services (possibly consultants/contractors to formulate a sustainable energy savings plan).

Staff will be providing some clarification on the initial grant submittal application to the federal authorities. It is anticipated that grant applicants will be notified by October whether or not they qualify for this funding.

Councilmember Shekerjian asked if there is a contingency plan, should this grant be denied; perhaps performance based contracting such as energy auditing should be considered. Jeff Kulaga stated that there is a Request for Information (RFI) that has been issued to collect ideas for sustainable energy conservation strategies. It is a business practice to leverage grant monies at every opportunity.

**Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items**

- Sustainable issues at ASU
- Performance management measures

**Agenda Item 7- Future Meeting Dates**

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

**Agenda Item 8 - Announcements**

Councilmember Shekerjian thanked meeting attendees and participants for their willingness to engage in conversation and solution driven dialogue.

On September 16, ASU is hosting a Sustainable Cities Network Conference.

The City will be receiving \$19,000 in rebates for the Tempe Transit Center building materials that comprise this structure.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.*

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