

Environmental Affairs Commission
Regular meeting –Agenda
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building
December 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ACCEPTANCE OF THE November 16, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS

General information on city council environmental related activities

STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Sharon Flissar comments

EAC CHAIR COMMENTS

Member assignments – review assignments for each project

OLD BUSINESS

Property Infill/Redevelopment- Norm

PV Solar-Tom

EAC Public Awareness- Tait

Environmental Merit Award Proposal discussion and vote- Dennis/Joanne

Battery Recycling – George

Glass Recycling - Dennis

NEW BUSINESS

Working Session on Commissions – Ron, Tom, George

Water Management – Ron

FIELD TRIPS OR OTHER FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:

West End bus tour – Norm

CALL TO THE PUBLIC –

ADJOURNMENT - Next meeting: January 25, 2017 3:30 PM

For special needs and accommodations, please contact Jenifer Thornton, Management Analyst, Department of Community Development, 72 hours prior to the meeting or activity. Ms. Thornton can be reached at 520-458-3315, at Jenifer.thornton@sierravistaaz.gov, or through the Arizona Relay Service at 1-800-367-8939, or by dialing 7-1-1

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Updated EAC Project Assignments
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1. Property Infill/Redevelopment - Commissioner Patten
 - a. Wilcox
 - b. Kennedy
2. PV Solar - Commissioner Kennedy
 - a. Wilcox
 - b. Roberts
 - c. Ehrenberger
 - d. Carter
3. Public Awareness - Commissioner Wilcox
 - a. Hargis
 - b. Monken
4. Battery Recycling - Commissioner Monken
 - a. Carter
 - b. Hargis
5. Glass Recycling – Commissioner Ehrenberger
 - a. Monken
6. Environmental Award - Commissioner Ehrenberger
 - a. Roberts
7. Water Management - Commissioner Faulkner
 - a. Fenstermacher
 - b. Hargis

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Tom Kennedy address to the council commission working session on December 6th

My name is Tom Kennedy. I have been on the EAC for six years, and chairman for the last two years.

The EAC is very project oriented, solar, recycling, water conservation, etc. We have a number of technical people on the commission, both of our city liaison officers are degreed engineers, and almost everyone has extensive management experience either in industry or in the military.

People from other commissions do not understand what we do and they don't really want to. We use terms like gate array, extrapolate, tensile strength, etc. I don't like to be negative but if the council dilutes the EAC with matrix management, I assure you we will lose a large number of very good people.

Because of this project orientation and because of the skills of EAC members, I am making an impassioned plea to keep the EAC separate from the other commissions. We are not statutory, but our mission does not mesh well with other commissions. Please keep the EAC separate so that we may continue to serve the city unhindered.

One other subject, I was the one who opened the associate member can of worms. I believe that associates should be brought on for specific assignments and then term limited just like regular commission members.

December 8th letter from Ron Faulkner

Council-members,

I offer these comments after attending your Dec. 6th work session. I prefer small group decision making and the efficiencies inherent in them. Grouping existing commissions into categories which will occasionally meet to make recommendations to City Council is a deterrent and counter productive to these efficiencies. Mixing commissions, each having a separate focus and background of expertise / interest, is wasteful of human resources, detrimental to the commission concept, and dilutes the energy, commitment and focus of those involved.

I recommend to continue using commissioner's expertise in the precise area in which they choose and not weaken that effort by combining commissions with somewhat similar interests but are still, separate and distinct. Commissions can still coordinate on overlapping topics when so determined.

If Council is not satisfied with the product or usefulness of a commission, I suggest direction can be more defined or eliminate the unit altogether.

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Purpose: This award is created to recognize noteworthy conservation accomplishments by an individual, business or service group that achieve, meet or exceed the City of Sierra Vista Environmental goals. Areas of interest would be water conservation, environmental stewardship and recycling efforts.

The definition of “environmental” in the simplest of terms: “relating to or associated with the environment”.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD CATEGORIES:

1. Achievement in energy efficiency or conservation
2. Achievement in water efficiency or conservation
3. Renewable energy programs
4. The ability to recycle materials for actual re-use.

The effort or activity should be in line with the City’s environmental stewardship and conservation goals. Consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate this effort. What area does the activity affect? Does the activity serve an environmental concern?

Some examples of conservation are:

1. Planting native vegetation
2. Rainwater harvesting
3. Increasing the use of public transportation
4. Energy conservation or use of renewable energy
5. Recycling efforts

Recipients of the award must be residents of, or businesses and organizations operating within, the city limits of Sierra Vista. The award and the award recipients will be publicized through the Chamber of Commerce and the City Web Site.

<http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/>

PROCESS:

1. Nominations can be self initiated or proposed by others involved in the project.
2. All applicants must complete the nomination form which will be available from the EAC or through the City Web Site. <http://www.sierravistaaz.gov/>
3. Supporting materials for the application should describe the project, the target audience of the project, how the project aligns with conservation and how the success has been measured.
4. Photographs or press coverage should be included in the application.

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SELECTION:

The EAC working task force will evaluate and rank the applications. Applicants selected will be forwarded to City Council for approval. Applicants approved by City Council will be notified and invited to receive their award at a scheduled City Council Meeting.

AWARD CYCLE:

Applications can be submitted between January 1 and June 30 annually.

EAC evaluation and approval will be completed by the October EAC meeting and forwarded to City Council for action by November 1 of each year. Once approved by City Council, recipients will be notified which City Council Meeting to attend for the Certificate presentation.

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I/We submit the following for consideration as a recipient of the Sierra Vista Environmental Merit Award.

Applications should be mailed to;

EAC c/o City Hall, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Date:
First & Last Name or Group:
Primary Phone:
Address:
City and Zip Code:

The following Person or Organization is submitted for consideration of the City of Sierra Vista Environmental Merit Award.

Category Entry

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Name of Person/Organization:

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Explain in 500 words or less the project and state how it has had a positive affect on the environment: Please attach supporting material (pictures, press coverage, resident or business statements) to this application.