

SIERRA VISTA ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
28 January 2015
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building

Chairman Dennis Ehrenberger call the regular Meeting of the Sierra Vista Environmental Affairs Commission to order at 3:30 PM .

Member Present: Bernie Stalman
Tom Kennedy
Kim Mulhern
George Monken
Dennis Ehrenberger
Norm Patten
Tate Willcox

Associate Members Present: Gene Fenstermacher
Amy Carter

Council Liaison Present: Hank Huisking

Staff Liaison Present: Ryan Kooi, Public Works

Other Present: Scott Dooley – Public Works Director
Tricia Gerrodette – Huachuca Audubon
Charlie Narburgh

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Kennedy moved to accept the agenda for the meeting.
Commissioner Mulhern seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (6-0)

ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Mulhern moved to accept the minutes of 28 May 2014.
Commissioner Patten seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (6-0)

COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Councilperson Huisking told the EAC that the City Council would be having

Strategy Planning work session on 27 & 28 March. The various Commission annual reports would be given to the City Council during April & May. The EAC report was scheduled for Monday 13 April at 4:30 PM.

She also stated that the City Council was having a joint working session with Cochise County on Fry Township. She requested that the EAC meeting scheduled for that day could be moved. After some discussion by, it was decided to move the EAC meeting to 18 March at 3:30.

Councilperson Huisling on behalf of the Tourism Commission invited the EAC to a Star Party at the Patterson observatory on 25 February at 7 PM. EAC members are to let Ryan Kooi know if they will attend and if they will bring a guest.

Councilperson Huisling also discussed the recent letter from the Mayor to all Commissions about selecting 3 or 4 projects that the Commission would like to work on in the coming year. She will take the EAC's recommendation to the Councils Strategy Planning work session. The Council will select those that are most important for the city. At the annual Commission's report, the City Council will provide guidance to the Commissions on what projects they should work on for the next two years. This is part of a new process, which put Commissions in an advisory role to the City Council. If money is required for a Project, City Council will determine where and how the Projects will be funded. Commissions can include possible sources for money to fund projects they recommendation. This new process does not prevent Commissions of making other recommendations to the City Council through the year.

STAFF LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Ryan Kooi reported that North Star has been selected to lead the City's Branding. They are planning to visit all the Commissions. The process for "Branding" will take about 9 months. The "Spot Light" Breakfast in August is the target date to complete the Branding process.

Ryan also reported that Glass Recycling is going well. The vendor agreed to being subsidized \$15 per ton.

Ryan also provided additional guidance concerning Open Meeting requirements. If a Commissioner wants to add an item to the Agenda, they are to send it to Ryan. Also if a Commissioner desired to provide a handout to members of the Commission the topic must be added to the agenda.

EAC Chair Comments

Commissioner Ehrenberger also emphasized the importance of adhering to the Open Meeting requirements. If there are questions, they should be directed to Commissioner Ehrenberger and Ryan. If they are questions concerning the Agenda, they should be directed to Ryan.

Commissioner Ehrenberger also is concerned about duplication of projects between commissions.

He asked Ryan to obtain the total tonnage of glass recycled during 2014 to see how much was not put into the Land Fill.

Commissioner Ehrenberger mention that in the minutes from the last meeting that there was a reference to Water Shed Management was going to provide a briefing to the EAC at it's January meeting. Ryan stated that he had sent an email but had not heard back. He will follow up on this.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Current study initiative updates:

1. Plastic Bags – Ryan Kooi provide information concerning the status of the Task Force work on this issue. There are many options that the can be taken by the City concerning Plastic Bags. They included, Banning Plastic Bags, Taxing, incentives to use non-plastic bags, organize clean up of Plastic Bag litter, education to reduce us of plastic bags, etc. The Task Force is close to completing the draft report. The report will be provided to the EAC for their review and comments. The target date of providing the report to the EAC is 25 February 2015

2. Update on Eco Tourism – This topic is part of the Branding issue. No further action will be taken until after the Branding Team visits the EACX.

3. Apache Plant tour with EPA update – After some discussion the Commission felt that this issue was outside of purview of the Commission

3. Comments on June 10, 2014 Presentation to City Council - Commissioner Stalman thought the presentations went well. He thought the Sierra Vista Herald had an excellent article about the presentations. He would like to have similar briefings for the City Council twice a year.

NEW BUSINESS:

What New Projects should EAC Undertake for 2015

There was discussion concerning Projects that span Commissions boundaries. There is no specific process where Commissions routinely "share" what Projects they are working on. It is up to the Commissioners, City Council Liaison and Staff Liaison to be aware of what other Commissions are working on

There was discussion concerning what Projects should be recommended to the

City. It was decided that Commissioners need to review Projects listed on the agenda (see below) and select the 4 they think should be undertake for 2015. They are to send their selection to Ryan no later than Monday. The top 4 submitted will be discussed at next months Commission meeting and forward to Councilperson Huisking in time for Council's Strategy Planning work session on 27 & 28 March.

Possible new Projects for 2015

Property Clean-up

Retrofit existing detention Basins

Information booth at West End Fair and Earth Day

Net Zero Water (revisit) – On-going education

P.V. solar / solar lighting

Come up with a better plan for hazardous paint drop off

Light Bulb replacement program (CFL)

Involvement in Water Awareness Month

Find a grant writer to find funding for projects

EAC Award for Conservation: City Council feedback

CALL TO THE PUBLIC –

Charlie Narburgh a previous member of the EAC discussed his concern about E-cigarettes. He provided an information package concerning E-cigarettes and issues with them. Among the issues are (1) potential health hazards of “second-hand vapor”, (2) appeal of E-cigs to teenagers and even pre-teens, (3) banning E-Cigs from areas where tobacco cigarettes are banned, and (4) potential for using E-cigs devises for marijuana, cocaine, heroin and other substances in public places.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE ACTIONS ITEMS

These will discussed at the next EAC meeting in February.

Field Trips - Potential

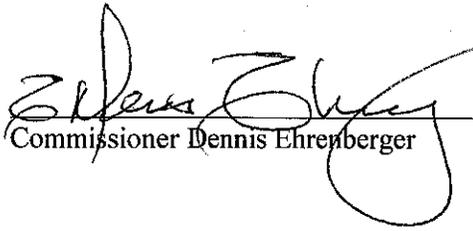
McFadden Park

Sierra Vista Transit Station

ADJOURNMENT

The next schedule EAC meeting will be 25 February 2015 at Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building.

Chairman Ehrenberger adjourned the meeting at 4:40 PM.



Commissioner Dennis Ehrenberger

