

SIERRA VISTA ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
27 May 2015
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building

Chairman Dennis Ehrenberger called the regular meeting of the Sierra Vista Environmental Affairs Commission to order at 3:35 p.m.

Members Present: Bernie Stalmann
Tom Kennedy
George Monken
Norm Patten
Tate Willcox
Dennis Ehrenberger
Kim Mulhern

Associate Members Present: Gene Fenstermacher
Amy Carter

Council Liaison Present: Hank Huisking

Staff Liaison Present: Ryan Kooi, Public Works

Others Present: Scott Dooley, Public Works Director
Don Brush, Director, Community Development
Jeff Pregler, Senior Planner Community Development
Catlow Shiper, Watershed Management Group
Kieran Sikdar, Watershed Management Group
Sidney Jones, Watershed Management Group

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 Kennedy moved to accept the minutes of 22 April 2014. Commissioner Patten seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous to accept (6-0)

COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Councilperson Huisking stated that at the City Council Meeting would Council discuss and vote on the advertising signs using Digital Light. Two issues still to be resolved were the number of NITs allowed and how often the signs' message could change. She also stated the City has saved \$700K in staff reductions which were achieved by attrition and not hiring to fill vacancies.

STAFF LIAISON'S COMMENTS:

Ryan Kooi replied to a question the Commission had asked concerning the amount of intake at the sewage treatment facilities and how much treated water was being recharged. The treatment facility takes in 2.5 million gallons a day and during the year 700 million gallons are recharged. This reflects that roughly the amount taken in is also being recharged.

Ryan also announced that Jill Adams, City Clerk, would be conducting "Open Meeting Law" training. The training would also include guidelines concerning responsibilities of Staff LNOs, Council LNOs, Commission Chairpersons, and Commission Secretaries. The City would like to have consistent "rules" across all the City Commissions. Ryan also said he wanted to work to establish sub-committees for the various projects that EAC will work on this year. Training will probably be in August. The Commission recommended a time of 3:30 pm. He will send out an email requesting input on which sub-committee each Commissioner would like to work on.

Ryan passed out the Sierra Vista, Arizona 2015-2017 Strategic Plan Framework for Commissioners to read.

EAC CHAIR COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ehrenberger wanted to remind everyone that Commissioner Mulhern, Commissioner Wilcox, and Commissioner Patten's terms were up in August. Commissioner Wilcox and Commissioner Patten have re-submitted their resume for another term on the Commission. The Council should vote on their appointment at the July council meeting. Commissioner Ehrenberger requested that anyone who may know someone who might be interested to let Ryan or himself know so they could provide the person with the correct paperwork to submit their resume.

There was a discussion concerning grant money as a potential source of money to fund various City Projects submitted by the various commissions. No one on the City Staff keeps track of types of grants available or sources of grants. Commissioner Mulhern asked if the League of Arizona Cities might be a source to find out about various grants. When a recommendation by a Commission is accepted by the City Council, then the appropriate staff would research sources of money to conduct the project.

OLD BUSINESS

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Property Clean Up – Commissioner Patten is continuing to research this issue. He will also contact the Community Development staff concerning this topic.

PV Solar – Commissioner Kennedy reported that SSVEC has recently changed the rate they are paying customers who have roof top solar panels. He also suggested that the sub-committee on PV Solar should look at ALL possible applications for PV Solar without restrictions.

EAC Public Awareness – Commissioner Wilcox thanked all those who had participated in the West End Fair. He will look at the possibility of having a booth at Art in the Park in October.

Annual Conservation Award – Commissioner Mulhern reported that she had a good outline, but the sub-committee needed to work at putting “meat” on the bones of the outline.

NEW BUSINESS

Watershed Management Presentation - The presentation by Watershed Management Group covered the work they are doing with the Sierra Vista Planning and Public Works Department funded by a Walton Family Foundation Grant to see how best to use storm water run-off locally, as well as to get the storm water to recharge areas of the San Pedro River. The project focused on problem areas, where water could be contained and used locally, how to ensure that sufficient water was allowed to continue down the wash, and the cost benefit of making such changes. The project focused on examining and analyzing the effects of erosion, and how the City can better benefit from storm water that flowed down Woodcutter Wash. The results can be used citywide for better use of storm water. The current status of the project is looking at how to implement recommendation, which includes funding sources, incorporation into the City's Development Codes, and how to get “public” buy-in to the necessary work. The presentation was well presented and provided a wealth of information, and was warmly received.

Presentation from Economical Development – This presentation by Simone McFarland has been rescheduled to the July EAC meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Not Applicable.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE ACTIONS ITEMS

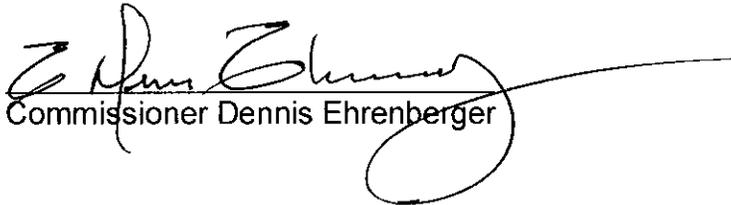
Field Trips - Potential

McFadden Park - TBD
Sierra Vista Transit Station – TBD
Ft. Huachuca Solar Array – Visit will be discussed at the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled EAC meeting will be 24 June 2015 at the Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building.

Chairman Ehrenberger adjourned the meeting at 4:49 pm.



Commissioner Dennis Ehrenberger