

Environmental Affairs Commission

Regular meeting – Agenda
Pedro Castro Center
September 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Tom Kennedy
George Monken
Norm Patten
Tait Wilcox

Members Absent:

Bernie Stalman
Dennis Ehrenberger

Associate Members Present:

Gene Fenstermacher
Amy Carter
Joanne Roberts

Council Liaison Present:

Hank Huisking

Staff Liaison Present:

Ryan Kooi, Transportation &
Environmental Services

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

Vote: Unanimous to accept (4-0)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST 26, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Kennedy moved to accept the minutes for the meeting. Commissioner Monken seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous to accept (4-0)

COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS

Council Person Huisking reported that during the Council Work Session there was a really good presentation of the Industrial Development Organization (IDO). It is a volunteer organization and is not governed by law as the Commissions are.

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Cochise County dissolved the County's Industrial Development Organization. The focus of Sierra Vista's IDO is low income housing.

Council Person Huisking also told the EAC that Sierra Vista is no longer in Stafford's ADOT District and now is in the Tucson District.

There was some discussion about the Commission's ability to ask questions during Council Liaison's comments. Ryan and Chairman Kennedy will discuss this with Jill Adams the City Clerk.

STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Ryan Kooi reported the Public Works Department had been split into two departments. The two departments are the Department of Public Works and Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. At first it was thought that Ryan would no longer be Staff Liaison for EAC. After some additional thought and knowing there was a lot of transition that needed to be done, it was decided that Ryan would remain the Staff Liaison until the new director is named and staff positions were finalized.

EAC CHAIR COMMENTS:

Chairman Kennedy does not expect to make any changes in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Clean up: Commissioner Patten briefly reviewed the visit that he and Commissioner Stalman had with Sierra Vista's Community Development Director Matt McLachlan. The closure of the gate to Ft. Huachuca at Buffalo Soldier Trail and Fry Blvd. will provide opportunities to promote events on the West End. Commissioner Patten discussed the opportunity for the City to adopt "overlay" zoning. "Overlay" zoning provides the developers the ability to use the "footprint" of existing businesses without having to meet all the requirements of current development codes (i.e. number of parking spaces, drainage, etc.).

The City is moving to "go back to the basics" of cleaning up nuisance properties. Mr. McLachlan is working on the code and the process it takes to get property cleaned up so that changes can be made to speed up the process from the initial notice that a property is a "nuisance" to having it cleaned up. It was requested that a "time line" be provided at the next Commission meeting concerning anticipated dates of implementation of changes.

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PV Solar - Chairman Kennedy reported he will be working on "brain storming" to see what the City could do to better utilize solar technology to cut cost.

Chairman Kennedy asked if the Commission was interested in having a presentation from SSVEC on the proposed changes to the cost of electricity. Commissioners responded favorably to having SSVEC. Chairman Kennedy will arrange to have SSVEC provide a presentation in the future.

EAC Public Awareness - Commissioner Tait Wilcox reviewed the plans for EAC to participate in Sierra VistAbility Day and Art in the Park. Information will be provided on recycling, compost and various Adopt-A-Programs (i.e. Adopt-a-Park, etc.) the city sponsors.

Replacement for Ms. Mulhern - Chairman Kennedy requested that each commissioner provide a potential name at EAC's October meeting.

Battery Recycling Update - Commissioner Monken reported that the county does accept and recycles all types of batteries. The county sorts the batteries into motor vehicle's "lead acid" battery and others. Motor vehicle batteries are sold to a commercial business who also takes the "other" batteries which they dispose of at no cost to the County. Commissioner Monken stated that the problem with getting more batteries recycled is one of convenience for people to drop batteries off.

There was a discussion about how the EAC could foster recycling "residential use" batteries (i.e. dry cell, lithium, etc. type batteries). It was decided that the EAC would look into providing opportunities to collect residential use batteries at outreach events such Sierra VistAbility Day, and Art in the Park. Ryan will check with Judy Hector to see if these could be advertised on the City Page. Commissioner Monken will coordinate with Ryan to obtain a container to collect "residential use" batteries. He will contact local businesses to determine which local businesses collect batteries for recycling.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Kennedy moved that the public time limit length be limited to three minutes.

Commissioner Patten seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous to accept (4-0)

Chairman Kennedy led a discussion concerning EAC Association members' participation in discussions.

Chairman Kennedy moved to change "permitted" to "encourage."

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Vote: Unanimous to accept the amendment (4-0)

Chairman Kennedy made a motion that the following be accepted by the EAC. Commissioner Tait Wilcox seconded the motion. There was discussion concerning time required for Call to the Public. The EAC Chair will have to manage the agenda and meeting time to allow time for the Call to the Public.

- Length of the meeting to not exceed 1 ½ hours.
- Call to the Public time limit discussion to three minutes.
- EAC Associate Members are encouraged to comment on discussion but will not have a vote.
- All information/requests concerning the EAC will be coordinated through the Staff Liaison to comply with open meeting laws.

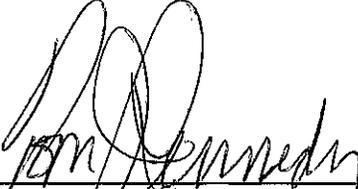
Vote: Unanimous to accept (4-0)

FIELD TRIPS OR OTHER FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Fort Huachuca Solar Program - 28 October. Meeting place will be the Thunder Mountain Activity Center at 2 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Next meeting: October 28, 2015 at 3:30 pm.



Tom Kennedy, Chairman
Environmental Affairs Commission

Environmental Affairs Commission Special Meeting

October 26, 2015

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October 28, 2015

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Environmental Affairs Commission Meeting

May 27, 2015

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