

Environmental Affairs Commission
Regular meeting
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building
February 24, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Bernie Stalmann
Tom Kennedy
Dennis Ehrenberger
Ron Faulkner
Norm Patten
George Monken
Tait Wilcox

Associate Members Present:

Amy Carter
Joanne Roberts (via Telecon)
Gene Fenstermacher

Council Liaison Present:

Hank Huisking

Staff Liaison Present:

Ryan Kooi, Public Works

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, Sierra Vista City Manager

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

The motion was passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Kennedy moved to accept the January 27, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ehrenberger seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS

Council Liaison Huisking told the EAC that the council will task the Citizen's Advisory Community (CAC) to review the purpose and need for the various

commissions sponsored by the city council. The council will have a work session to determine what exactly they would like the CAC to provide.

Chairman Kennedy read an email he sent to Ryan Kooi and Council Liaison Huisking concerning the importance of the EAC. Council Liaison Huisking responded that the council is not making any assumptions about the future of any commission.

She stated that the EAC annual presentation to the city council will be on 29 March at 3 pm. The EAC commission will be the only presentation on 29 March.

STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Ryan Kooi stated that there will be open meeting law training in the first part of March. Those who haven't attended need to do so. Ryan also stated that Chairman Kennedy, Commissioner Stalman, Commissioner Monken, and Commissioner Ehrenberger's terms of office expire on August 26, 2016. Commissioner Stalman cannot renew due to the rule that a commissioner can only serve as a commissioner for three consecutive terms without a break of one year. Chairman Kennedy and Ryan Kooi will insure that applications are processed so there is not a gap between expiration of office and being re-sworn as commissioners.

PRESENTATION

Chairman Kennedy led the discussion of the EAC annual presentation to city council. Slides were reviewed which led to minor changes and corrections being made. Chairman Kennedy moved to approve the presentation as changed. Commissioner Ehrenberger seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

EAC CHAIR COMMENTS

Chairman Kennedy spoke about the 700+ hours that commissioners volunteered during 2015. These volunteer hours saved the city over \$70k if they had to pay for them.

OLD BUSINESS

Property Clean Up - Commissioner Patten had nothing to report.

PV Solar - Chairman Kennedy reported that solar power across the country is in turmoil. Some states are endorsing roof top solar energy while other states have trampled on the roof top solar energy industry.

EAC Public Awareness - Commissioner Wilcox proposed that the EAC participate in the following four events:

West End Fair

Art in the Park

Sierra VistAbility

Breakfast in the Garden sponsored by Sierra Vista Community Gardens

Chairman Kennedy made a motion that the EAC participate in these events. Commissioner Stalman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

Award for Energy Conservation - This topic was tabled until next month. Commissioners need to make comments to Ryan Kooi who will pass on the comments to Associate EAC Member Joanne Roberts.

Battery Recycling Update - Commissioner Monken had nothing to report.

"Villages at Vigneto" in Benson - It was mentioned that a report in the Benson newspaper recently had an article concerning more local resident opposition to the Villages at Vigneto development. Ryan Kooi will forward a copy of the article to commission members.

FHU Solar Tour - Members of the EAC, their guests, and three council members attended a very interesting tour of the Fort Huachuca solar energy site on February 24th. A picture of some of the 16 attendees is attached with this report.

NEW BUSINESS

AZ Senate Bill 1268 discussion - There was a heated discussion concerning what consequences AZ Senate Bill 1268 would have on future development and ground water use if passed. Commissioner Patten will research and provide additional information concerning the bill at the March meeting.

Watershed Alliance Discussion - Will be added to the agenda in the future.

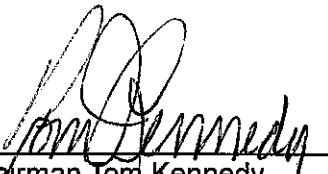
FIELD TRIPS OR OTHER FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - REQUESTS OF THE COMMISSION

Not Applicable

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm. The next meeting will be March 23, 2016, 3:30 pm, at Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building.


Chairman Tom Kennedy

