

**Environmental Affairs Commission**  
Regular meeting –Agenda  
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building  
March 23, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present:	Bernie Stalman Tom Kennedy Dennis Ehrenberger Ron Faulkner Norm Patten George Monken Tait Wilcox
Associate Members Present:	Amy Carter Gene Fenstermacher
Associate Member Absent:	Joanne Roberts
Council Liaison Present:	Hank Huisking
Staff Liaison Present:	Ryan Kooi, Public Works
Other Present:	Karen Carroll - College Student

**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**

Commissioner Patten moved to accept the February 24, 2016 minutes. Chairman Kennedy seconded the motion.

The motion was passed.

**COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Huisking reported in the latest council executive report were crime statistics for Sierra Vista for 2014. There was a big reduction in burglary

while fraud, identify theft, and crimes against children were up for 2014. She also reported that the city now has a property foreclosure procedure so if someone notices that a particular property is in need of clean up, they can contact the city to report a property in need of clean up. If the city decides it is in need, then the owner will be notified that they are responsible for maintaining the property in accordance with Sierra Vista codes.

Councilwoman Huisking also reported that the city development staff participated in a west end clean up and helped collect over a ton of trash. She stated they had held their first Power Up Sierra Vista Teen Leadership Conference at the library with over 40 kids participating. The conference received outstanding reviews. It appears that conferences such as this will continue.

She mentioned the improvement of the Wilcox median with the removal of the rocks. It was discovered that there were way too many rocks which was causing some of them to end up in the street.

There was a meeting with over 40 commercial real estate agents from Tucson which was to promote better communication and cooperation between the two areas.

The council will have the first budget discussion next week.

The council held a work session on Wednesday, 22 March, on the national citizen survey. Preliminary look at the data revealed that the responses of city services were in line with Dream Your City. A final report will be forthcoming.

Potential commission improvements/changes were on the work session agenda but due to the length of time, discussion of the national citizen survey precluded talking on this topic. This discussion will be held at a later date. Councilwoman Huisking reported that there is a need for the Citizen's Advisory Commission, who will review the commissions, to have clear guidance on what was expected. There was a discussion of various ideas of the relationship between the city council and the various commissions. There is no clear understanding or consensus of what the relationship is between the city council and the commissions. Councilwoman Huisking stated due to the budget concerns the council doesn't want people working on things that the council doesn't need help with.

## **STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS**

Staff Liaison Ryan Kooi reported that three renewal applications have been received from Tom Kennedy, Dennis Ehrenberger and George Monken.

Ryan also provided each commissioner and associate members with new EAC name tags. The new name tags incorporate the new logo for Sierra Vista.

He reminded everyone that the annual EAC presentation to the city council will be on 29 March at 3 pm. He also stated that a dry run would be conducted at 2 pm in the City Council chambers on Thursday, 24 March.

#### **EAC CHAIR COMMENTS:**

Chairman Kennedy requested that all EAC members come to the city council presentation on Tuesday. Chairman Kennedy rapidly went through the presentation, highlighting one additional slide which he added. The slide deals with the Bisbee solar project to help run their waste water treatment plant.

Chairman Kennedy moved to add the slide. Commissioner Ehrenberger seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

Chairman Kennedy requested that EAC commissioners not make commitments to outside groups (i.e. ask friends, groups to come and talk to the EAC. The procedure is for EAC commissioners to notify Ryan Kooi if a commissioner has someone they would like to come and address the EAC. It will be put on the agenda for discussion and decision.

Chairman Kennedy also cautioned emails between members that can catch other commissioners by surprise. Ryan Kooi will "blind" forward emails to EAC members so everyone is aware of what is being said.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Property Clean Up** - Nothing new to add

**PV Solar** - Nothing new to add

**EAC Public Awareness** - Commissioner Wilcox reported the EAC would have a booth at the West End Fair the first weekend in May. Commissioner Wilcox applied for a booth at Art in the Park. The other event will be Breakfast in the Garden.

**Environmental Merit Award Proposal** - Chairman Kennedy moved to table this discussion until Joanne Roberts is present. Commissioner Patten seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

**Battery Recycling Update** - There will be a public announcement for battery collection at various events in the future.

**"Villages at Vigneto" in Benson** - There was discussion concerning whether this was an appropriate topic for the EAC. Councilwoman Husking recommended this topic be dropped from future agenda. The only issue the city is concerned about is traffic. There was a heated discussion about what topics should be brought up to the commission.

**AZ Senate Bill 1268 Discussion** - Commissioner Patten provided background information on the Arizona senate bill. There were a lot of questions that could not be answered concerning the impact if the Arizona senate bill was approved. It was noted that the intent of the bill was to get the control of water down to the counties and cities and away from the state. Due to time limitation, this topic will be discussed at a future EAC meeting.

**Watershed Alliance** - Associate Member Carter was interested in having the Watershed Alliance present information about the various watershed areas along the San Pedro. Various EAC members have done a lot of research on water issues dealing within the Sierra Vista watershed. There was discussion on whether or not this would provide useful information to the EAC. Associate Member Carter will continue to investigate if the Watershed Alliance could provide useful information to the EAC.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**E-Cigarettes** - Commissioner Ehrenberger expressed concern about e-cigarettes based upon an article that e-cigarettes had exploded. Councilwoman Husking will ask the fire and police departments if there have been any incidents in Sierra Vista of e-cigarettes exploding. There probably haven't been any. Councilwoman Husking will also see if e-cigarettes are included in the city ordinances on smoking. This topic may be one that the city council might want to become pro-active on.

**Motion to Approve Tom Kennedy, George Monken and E. Dennis Ehrenberger to the Environmental Affairs Commission** - Chairman Kennedy moved to recommend Tom Kennedy, George Monken and Dennis Ehrenberger to the City Council.

Commissioner Stalman seconded the motion.

There was discussion concerning if there were any other applications on file for the EAC. The answer is there are none currently on record. There will still be a vacancy since Commissioner Stalman has reached his term limit.

The motion passed.

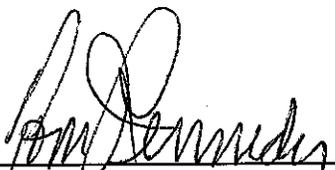
**FIELD TRIPS OR OTHER FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:** Chairman Kennedy will arrange a tour of the Bisbee solar project which helps run their waste water treatment plant.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC - No response**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next meeting: April 27, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.



Chairman Tom Kennedy