

**Environmental Affairs Commission**  
Regular meeting –Agenda  
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building  
June 22, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER** - Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present:                   Bernie Stalman  
  Tom Kennedy  
  Dennis Ehrenberger  
  George Monken  
  Tait Wilcox

Members Absent:                   Ron Faulkner  
  Norm Patten

Associate Members Present:    Amy Carter  
  Gene Fenstermacher

Associate Member Absent:       Joanne Roberts

Council Liaison Present:        Hank Husking

Staff Liaison Present:           Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works

Others Present:                   None

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

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

The motion was approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE May 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Kennedy moved to accept the meeting minutes of 25 May 2016. Commissioner Ehrenberger seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

**COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS**

Councilperson Husking wanted to clarify "tasking" EAC to look at Net-Zero Water. City Council is the one that can task the Commission via a Council Resolution. Her request to look at Net-Zero Water is a recommendation that the EAC look at this issue if they want to. She also reviewed several other topics that are recommended that EAC look at and possibly make a recommendation to the City Council. The topics are:

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Battery Recycling - The City does not have a policy concerning battery recycling. It is recommended that EAC look at this issue and recommend how Battery Recycling could be accomplished besides EAC collection at various events through the year.

12-12-12 Program - This program be aimed at keeping Sierra Vista cleaner. The program would foster offices and business to have employees pick up trash around the city on the 12th of each month, at 12 PM (noon) for 12 minutes.

Adopt-a-Highway Program - The City has an Adopt-a-Highway Program but there is no monitoring to ensure that organizations that sign up for the program are in fact participating.

Adopt a Multiple Use Path (MUP) Program - This Program would be similar to Adopt-a-Highway but would encompass the 30 miles of MUP around the city.

Councilperson Husking also reported that Tipping Fee at the County Landfill would be increasing from the current \$57.75 per ton to between \$60.50 and \$64.00 will be decided by Country Board of Supervisors. She also reported that there has been an increase in burglary, domestic violence and stolen cars. Shop lifting has decreased.

Councilperson Husking reported Sierra Vista was awarded the 2016 Defense Community of the Year award in Washington D.C. The Mayor was on hand to accept it for the City.

The City Budget will be capped on Thursday 23 June Thursday. It is anticipated that cap will be \$70,020,613. There will be some changes. The Budget will include \$50K to cover a grant program for business and community development. The money is for business to bring the building they are renting up to code. If the money is not used, the Council will have two options of how to use the money. Option 1 is to put the money back into the General Fund and Option 2 is to keep the money in the Grant Program to start building up the size of the Grant.

### **STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS**

Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works, reminded Commission members that all communications needed to be sent thru her to avoid problems with the open meeting laws. She also announced that there is no date for Ryan to return to work. Sharon also reported that she had participated in the annual wet-dry mapping of the San Pedro sponsored by the Natural Conservancy. She is looking forward to look at the data.

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**EAC CHAIR COMMENTS** Commissioner Kennedy said he talked with Commissioners Wilcox and Monken concerning their willingness to continue to serve as EAC Officers. Commissioner Stalman will put together a ballot to be used at the July meeting. The slate will be Commissioner Kennedy, Chair, Commissioner Wilcox Deputy Chair and Commissioner Monken, Secretary.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Property Clean Up - Councilperson Husking reported that there are 60 business properties that are bank owned. Sharon Flissar stated there is money for code enforcement but no money for property clean up. Councilperson Husking stated the two new inspectors have cleared up the back log of cases. The city has been divided into grids/section. The two neighborhood officers will walk the grids/sections and identify property that needs attention vice waiting for someone to report. It will be easier to keep track of what properties are "nuisance" properties.

PV Solar - Commissioner Kennedy talked to the Mayor who supports PV Solar if it is financially wise to do so. Commissioner Kennedy will work with Laura Wilson, Sierra Vista Procurement after the Budget process is complete.

EAC Public Awareness - Commissioner Wilcox reported the next event for the EAC participation will be the Breakfast Garden on 27 August 2016.

Environmental Merit Award (EMA) Proposal Discussion - Nothing to report

Battery Recycling Update - Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Net Zero Water - A Sub-committee was formed to look at Net Zero Water. Members are Commissioner Wilcox, Commissioner Stalman, Commissioner Faulkner and Associate Member Fenstermacher. Commissioner Kennedy stated that what ever the EAC came up with that the focus needed to be on what the City could do and not what other governmental organizations in the area needed to do to achieve Net Zero Water. Councilperson Husking provided some background on who is involved in this issue. She has talked with Chuck Potucek, City Manager, who has been involved Upper San Pedro Partnership, Gila River Adjudication, Arizona Department of Water Usage and developers such as Castle and Cook concerning water issues. There are a lot of players in water use within the area and issues that need to be considered with any recommendation concerning Net Zero Water. She recommended the EAC needed to define what Net Zero Water means for the City and for individuals.

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Commissioner Ehrenberger recommended that Chuck Potucek be invited to address the EAC next month. Staff Liaison Sharon Flissar will invite him.

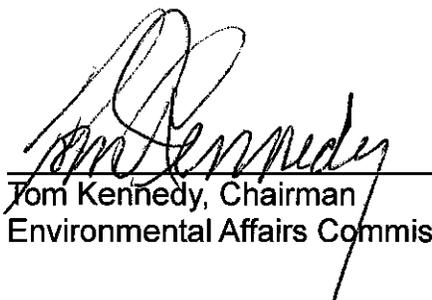
Associate Member Gene Fenstermacher presented the subcommittee initial report. There was lengthy discussion concerning various aspects of the report. It was reiterated that we needed to define what Net Zero Water meant. Commission Kennedy gave a good example what Net Zero Solar was (i.e. consume x watts of electrical, generate x watts using solar, Net Zero achieved when you generated as many watts as you consumed.) The definition for Net Zero Water isn't as clear. After further discussion, it was decided that the sub-committee would work on a definition of Net Zero Water that would be used to frame an EAC recommendation to the City Council.

**FIELD TRIPS OR OTHER FUTURE ACTION ITEMS** - Bisbee Solar Water Works will be schedule for October or November.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC-REQUESTS OF THE COMMISSION** – Not Applicable

**NEXT MEETING:** July 27, 2016 at 3:30 PM, same location. We anticipate that Chuck Potucek will address the EAC at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

  
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Tom Kennedy, Chairman  
Environmental Affairs Commission