

Environmental Affairs Commission
Work Session
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building
September 8, 2016

Commissioner Faulkner open the Work Session at 1 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Associate Members Present:

Amy Carter
Gene Fenstermacher

Associate Member Absent:

Joanne Roberts

Staff Liaison Present:

Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works

Others Present:

Bernie Stalman

Purpose of Work Session

Commissioner Faulkner provided attendees with the Purpose of the Work Session: To discuss water conservation suggestions submitted by EAC Associate Member Gene Fenstermacher and determine whether or not to include a recommendation to the EAC at the September 2016 regular meeting for inclusion with other EAC suggestions for submission to the City Council.

Discussion

Associate Member Fenstermacher presented background information concerning what it would take for a developer to achieve Net Zero Water usage for a new development. He also fostered the ideal that the City should certify builder development plans would achieve Net Zero Water usage.

There were numerous questions and discussion during the presentation concerning the size of developments "Net Zero Water Certification" would apply to, how this could affect existing developments, and whether the Certification would be required or voluntary.

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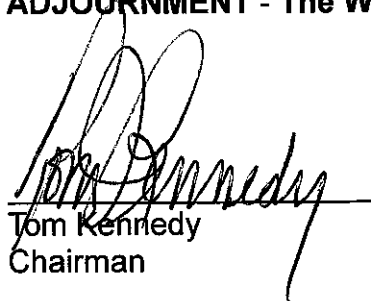
It was noted during the discussion that there is no standard for certification of net zero water. There are standards developers must achieve to meet City Building Codes. (i.e. electrical efficient, building installation, etc.). It was noted that the City does not do the certification but requires the builder to provide evidence from an independent certification provider.

There was a lengthy discussion of how the EAC should proceed on the topic of Net Zero Water. It was the consensus that more information is needed concerning all the City's codes which impact development. Commissioner Faulkner will arrange for the Net Zero Water subcommittee to meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission to learn more about the current City Development Codes. The subcommittee will also explore the possibility of including "suggested but not required" additions to the City's building code.

There was a brief discussion of possible EAC recommendation for the City's Strategy Plan. Two possible recommendations dealt with goal of (1) achieving Net Zero Water and (2) mitigation of the existing water deficiency in replenishing the aquifer.

All agreed that the Working Session was valuable and the EAC should have more to discuss specific topics that warrant more discussion than available at the monthly EAC meetings.

ADJOURNMENT - The Work Session was adjourned at 2:43 PM.


Tom Kennedy
Chairman