

**Environmental Affairs Commission**  
Regular meeting –Minutes  
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building  
October 26, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Tom Kennedy called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present:                   Ron Faulkner  
  Tom Kennedy  
  Tait Wilcox  
  Norm Patten  
  George Monken

Members Absent:                   Dennis Ehrenberger

Associate Members Present:    Joanne Roberts  
  Amy Carter  
  Gene Fenstermacher

Council Liaison Present:        Hank Husking

Staff Liaison Present:           Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works

Other City Staff Present:        Jing Luo, City Engineer (arrived at 4:00 PM)

Public Present:                   William Hargis, EAC Commissioner Appointee  
  Tricia Gerrodette, Huachuca Audubon

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

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

The motion was approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE September 28, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Kennedy moved to accept the meeting minutes of 28 September 2016. Commissioner Monken seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

**COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS** - Councilperson Husking reported that the latest statistics on water conversation had a surprise. The emphasis has been on water conversation inside and the statistics showed water usage outside, such as landscaping, has gone up.

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Cochise Water Project has water monitors which can help reduce watering based upon current weather conditions.

The City will do a study of ridership on the transit system. The data will be available for the City Council when they work on the city strategy.

Councilperson Husking also provided information about Farmers' Market vendors wanting to have the park infrastructure updated with electric hook ups so they didn't have to use generators. She said the City Council would have to take this issue up in the future.

Councilperson Husking also provided information concerning Coronado National Forest has 9 sites they maintain. The difference between revenue taken in and cost to maintain these sites is \$2 million. The public will be asked for input on plans to keep as many sites open as possible.

Councilperson Husking will invite the EAC to her last council meeting and reception on 8 December. She also asked that the EAC provide its recommendation concerning the city strategy sooner rather than later. She also reported that the city is getting "Top Reward" for "Less Food" which deals with obesity in children. There are only two cities within Arizona that are getting this status. The next step will be for the new council to try for an "All Star" city status which includes the environment, bike rides, multi-purpose paths, etc.

**STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS** - Sharon Flissar reported that the City has received a request from a gentleman in Tombstone who uses glass to make tiles. He wants to obtain colored glass to use to make tiles. He will work with the City Clerk to obtain the proper paper work and safety approval. This is not a replacement for current disposition of collected glass but augments the current disposition.

Commissioner Wilcox asked if Cadden had contacted her concerning obtaining a glass recycle bin for use in Winterhaven and the Holiday site. She responded they had not. This would replace the volunteer system being used to collect glass in Winterhaven with collection program sponsored by Cadden. Commissioner Kennedy will follow up on this.

**EAC CHAIR COMMENTS** - Commissioner Kennedy reiterated that the Citizens Advisory Commission would not be reviewing the commission system for City Council. A City Council sub-committee composed of Councilpersons Rachel Gray, Gwen Calhoun and Craig Mount has been appointed to perform this function. He also reminded EAC members about the informal dinner social for all city commissioners on 1 November.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Property Infill** - There was discussion concerning role and involvement of the EAC in area of empty business buildings. Norm will look at what the role the EAC could be concerning neglected properties and empty businesses. This will be an agenda item for the next EAC meeting.

**PV Solar** - Commissioner Kennedy has nothing further to report. He has not received any response from his email to Roseville, CA concerning their PV Solar program. He will call the mayor to obtain Roseville's point of contact for PV Solar.

**EAC Public Awareness** - Commissioner Wilcox reported that EAC participated in 4 events. West End Fair was good. Breakfast in the Garden was excellent. Sierra Vista Disability Day was poor. Art in the Park needs ways to bring people to stop by. Example included having a composter, different recycling bins, etc.

**Environmental Merit Award Proposal** - Associate Member Roberts reported she had met with Commissioner Ehrenberger to discuss the Environmental Merit Award Proposal. The proposal is being rewritten to a non-proposal format and should be ready for EAC's November meeting. Some of the categories were removed to make it more user friendly.

**Battery Recycling Update** - Commissioner Monken reported he contacted Judy Hector concerning list of businesses who collected household batteries for recycling. He also reported on research he was able to do online concerning what various cities did concerning household battery recycling. A few cities had an annual recycling day where they collected all items that could be recycled (i.e. paper shredding, electronics, clothing, compact fluorescents light bulbs, ink cartridges, plastic bags, etc.). He also reported that several cities use various public facilities (i.e. fire stations, library's, recreation center, etc).

There was a discussion concerning whether one day a year or year around battery recycling.

Battery recycling will be one of the three items submitted to City Council for their strategy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Net Zero Water Name** - There was discussion concerning what name Net Zero Water should be changed to. Water Management was offered as the name that could cover both conserving water as well as use of runoff water.

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Commissioner Kennedy moved to change the term Net Zero Water used by the EAC concerning environmental water issues to Water Management. Commissioner Monken seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

**Brainstorming list in response to Councilperson Husking's request** - There was discussion concerning closure of this Action Item. Net Zero Water will be replaced with Water Management. This Action Item was closed. A letter which summarizes all the brainstorming results will be prepared by Commissioner Kennedy and submitted to Councilperson Husking

**Investigation changes to the EOP** - There was discussion concerning if ways to improve the 93% efficiency of the EOP should continue to be a topic for the EAC. Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to removed investigation changes to the EOP from current EAC topics. Commissioner Wilcox second the motion.

The motion was passed.

**Joint meeting with P&Z staff/commission** - Commissioner Faulkner will continue to work this issue.

**New car washes** - There was discussion concerning commercial car washes using high efficiency water reuse system(s).

**Recommended EAC projects for next fiscal year**

There was a discussion concerning what items should be included in our recommendation to the City. Instead of limiting the EAC's list to specific subjects, but to have three broad subjects which provide "sub-topics" to be worked on individually.

The consensus was the three broad categories would be (1) Recycling and Disposal, (2) Water Management and (3) Photo Voltaic Solar with each categories listing specific sub-topics. Environmental stewardship would be a sub-topic under each of the three broad categories. It was requested that EAC members send comments on each broad categories to Sharon who will forward them on to Tom for compilation.

**EAC November and December Meeting Dates** - There was discussion concerning dates for the November meeting. November meeting will be moved to 16 November. December meeting will be moved to 15 December

**Grant money** - Associate Member Roberts talked about where grant money is coming from. There are a lot of cons in using grant money from because of the oversight

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requirements of each Grant. There is no cookie grant process. Commissioner Patten asked if there was reluctant for the city hiring a person to do grants. Councilperson Husking stated the city has been successful in obtaining grants in the past. The cost of adding a full time staff person compared to the current procedures was not warranted. If a Commission wanted to ask city staff for help in see if there are Grants available, required that the City Council has brought into subject/program Commission is interested in. An example of recent city grant activity concerns the need to resurface the tennis courts. The USTA has grants but they require that the courts be maintained for 5 years.

It was decided that the topic of grants will be kept on future agenda for discussion.

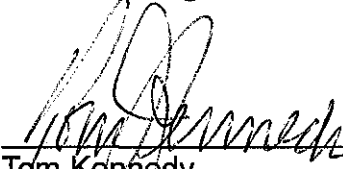
**FIELD TRIPS OR OTHER FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:**

West End bus tour – Norm Patten will try to arrange for a Bus Tour on 16 November.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 5:03PM

**Next meeting: November 16, 2016 3:30 PM**

  
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Tom Kennedy  
Chairman