

Environmental Affairs Commission
Regular meeting –Minutes
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building
March 22, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Associate Members Present:

Gene Fenstermacher

Associate Members Absent:

Joanne Roberts
Amy Carter

Council Liaison

Gwen Calhoun, Council Member

Staff Liaison Present:

Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works

Public Present:

N/A

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Kennedy moved to accept the Agenda. Commissioner Patten Second the motion.

The Motion was approved

ACCEPTANCE OF THE February 22, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Kennedy moved to accept 22 February minutes. Commissioner Hargis second the motion.

The Motion was approved.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS

Councilperson Calhoun mention that the Council will begin budget discussion the first part of April. She also reported that Commissions will begin their Annual Report presentations to the City Council in April. Prior to the presentations, the Council will host a "thank you gathering" for the Commission. Councilperson Calhoun also reported that she reminded Council members and the Mayor of emails sent to them that had questions and no one responded to them. A question was asked about Commission's recommendations that were forwarded to the City Council prior to the Work Session on the City's strategy plan. She replied that all the recommendation was

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reviewed by the City Council. She could not recall what specific recommendation were incorporated into the City's plan and which were not. The final report will have 18 objectives. It should be released shortly.

Commissioner Kennedy reviewed what Commissions terms are up this year. Commissioner Wilcox doesn't plan to reapply, Commissioner Patten and Commissioner Faulkner plan to reapply. Councilperson Calhoun stated there are still discussions and decisions to be made about the transition of Commissioners to the new terms adopted by the City Council. Jill Adams, City Clerk, is working on this issue. Commissioners who plan to re-apply should contact Jill Adams to see what they need to do to re-apply.

STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Ms. Flissar reported that the Environmental Award had been posted to the City web site and a press release was issued. She encouraged the Commissioners to talk up the award and get applications.

EAC CHAIR COMMENTS

Commissioner Kennedy reported the next intera-Commission meet and greet would be on 11 April 5-7 PM at the Landmark Café. The cost will be \$10 per person. The deadline to make reservation with Commissioner Ehrenberger is 4 April.

Commissioner Kennedy also talked about the EAC annual report to the City Council. Each of the current EAC Projects will be included in the presentation. Commissioner Kennedy recommend the annual presentation consist of each Project having a slide, denoting the Project, responsible EAC Commissioner, what did the EAC last year (2016) on the Project and what we are planning to do this year (2017). After some discussion, Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to accept this format. Commissioner Patten seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Kennedy will send Commissioners last year's presentation and request all updates be provided to him NLT 31 March. The EAC presentation will be the on 18 April. Specific Time is to be determine.

OLD BUSINESS

Property Infill/Redevelopment - There was discussion on the role of the EAC on this issue. The census was the role of the EAC is as over sight to keep appraised of issues that deal with Property Infill/Redevelopment that have impact on EAC.

PV Solar - Commissioner Kennedy stated there nothing new to report.

EAC Public Awareness - Commissioner Wilcox reported the results of his sub-committee. Associate Member Amy Carter will start advertising Battery Recycling opportunities thru alternative messaging (i.e. Facebook, etc.) EAC will participate in two events during 2017. The events will be West End Fair on 6 May and Breakfast in

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the Garden participation on 26 August. Councilperson Calhoun suggested the EAC participate in Earth Day observance at the Farmer Market on 20 April. After some discussion, it was decided to wait until 2018 to participate in Earth Day. The committee will work on what to display to attract visitors. One possible attraction could be an active compost system.

Environmental Merit Award - See Staff Liaison comments

Battery Recycling – Commissioner Monken asked if a recommendation to City Council should only include City facilities or suggest the City partner with Public schools. It was the consensus that only City facilities be recommended as collection sites. Ms. Flissar offered the idea that there is a private entity that has set up to collect outdated drug prescriptions at the Fire Stations. They provide the collection container and routinely collect prescriptions that have been dropped off. She was wondering if there were any private entities that did something similar for battery recycling. Commissioner Monken will research this possibility. Commissioner Monken also asked if there was a format to follow for when making recommendation to the City Council. The response was there was no set format. There was one issue that needs to be address in the recommendation was the likelihood of 9 volt batteries causing a short. Commissioner Kennedy reported he talked to a friend who has dealt in probability such as this. Commissioner Kennedy stated that his friend laughed and stated the possibility was extremely, extremely unlikely.

Glass Recycling - There was a discussion concerning if using glass in asphalt and it degradation value. There are different degradation values for walking paths and for highways. Research still needs to be done to determine what is the cost of crushing glass to various sizes and the value/use of the various sizes.

Water Management – Commissioner Faulkner stated that the EAC interest in the Gila Water Adjudication is more from an over sight on the impact on the City. The EAC concern is how good the city is doing in water usage and recharge within its area of responsibility. Association Member Fenstermacher stated there is a USGS report of two years ago reported the amount of water being recharged into the aquifer. There are details in the report that provide the amount of water being recharged within the Sierra Vista city limits. Commissioner Kennedy asked Commissioner Faulkner to look at this report and see if the recharge numbers within Sierra Vista city limits can be determine.

This should provide input into determining how much is being used within Sierra Vista and how much is being recharged within Sierra Vista.

NEW BUSINESS

EAC sponsor April commission get together - See Chairperson comments above

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ADOT streets in town – Commission Kennedy is awaiting response concerning ADOT plans for maintaining ADOT streets within Sierra Vista.

Federal Reserve Water Rights Adjudication - Discussion center around future adjudication actions which are not scheduled until later in the year. The next adjudication action will deal with BLM request. The final resolution of who is allocated what is far from being concluded.

FIELD TRIPS OR OTHER FUTURE ACTION ITEMS: Nothing to Report

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Not Applicable

ADJOURNMENT - at 4:35 PM

Next meeting: April 26, 2017 3:30 PM