

Environmental Affairs Commission
Regular meeting –Minutes
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building
April 26, 2017

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Ron Faulkner
 Tom Kennedy
 George Monken
 Dennis Ehrenberger
 William Hargis
 Norm Patten

Members absent: Tait Wilcox

Associate members present: Joanne Roberts
 Amy Carter
 Gene Fenstermacher

Council Liaison Gwen Calhoun, Council Member

Staff Liaison Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works

Others Tricia Gerrodette – Huachuca Audubon

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

The motion was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE March 22, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Ehrenberger made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 22, 2017. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S COMMENTS

Councilperson Calhoun updated the commission concerning adjustments to commissioners terms. Commissioners who are due to rotate off the commission during 2017 will be provided the opportunity to remain on through December. If applicants for vacant positions are approved prior to December 2017, the term of those positions will be extended until December 2019.

STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Director Flissar reported that this month there has been a push to work on the city's budget. State revenue sharing figures have not been provided so final work on the budget cannot be

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completed until they are received. Director Flissar also reported that the council is still working on the draft of the city's strategic plan. She stated there were environmental goals to include alternative energy usage as well as exploring use of effluent waters when the agreement between the city and the Bureau of Reclamation expires in a few years. The agreement called for all effluent waters from the EOP to be used for aquifer recharge only. There was discussion concerning alternative energy usage. The strategies are broad in nature to cover all possible sub-areas.

EAC CHAIR COMMENTS

Commissioner Kennedy discussed the EAC annual presentation to the city council. See PV solar below for more detail.

OLD BUSINESS

Property Infill/Redevelopment - Commissioner Patten had nothing to report. He stated that the council needs to take steps on improving the west end. Councilperson Calhoun stated that the plan to renovate Fry Boulevard in the west end has been approved. She stated the challenge is to finance the plan.

PV Solar - Commissioner Kennedy expressed his frustration that the mayor and city council has not taken actions on the recommendation to install solar at the EOP. This led to a lengthy and heated discussion ensued concerning (1) remarks made at the presentation about the EAC being a task force versus a commission; (2) frustration concerning the slow council feedback to commissions and; (3) why the city hasn't taken any action on the recommendation to install solar at the EOP. Several commissioners express strong negative views concerning the potential of the EAC becoming a task force.

EAC Public Awareness - Nothing to Report

Environmental Merit Award - Commissioner Ehrenberger presented a draft scorecard to evaluate applicants for the Environment Merit Award. There was a discussion concerning weighting of the various sections. The consensus was that weighting was an acceptable way to score the applicants. Commissioner Ehrenberger asked for commissioners to provide comments on the draft. He will condense the draft down to 2 pages. Commissioner Ehrenberger, Commissioner Hargis and Associate Commissioner Roberts will judge the current Environmental Merit Award applications.

Battery Recycling – Commissioner Monken reported that he had not found a vendor who does battery recycling like some vendors are doing drug recycling. He stated there are many vendors who are accepting batteries via mail-in recycling. Commissioner Monken also reported that the city web site does list local business that collect automotive lead acid batteries for recycling. Dry cell type batteries, cell phone batteries, hearing aid batteries, etc. were not included in any of the city listings at this time.

Glass Recycling - Nothing to report

Water Management – Nothing to report

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NEW BUSINESS

EAC sponsored April commission get together - Commissioner Ehrenberger reported that the EAC commission meet and greet was poorly attended. Several different commissions expressed frustration about little or no feedback from city council.

ADOT streets in town – Deferred until next EAC meeting.

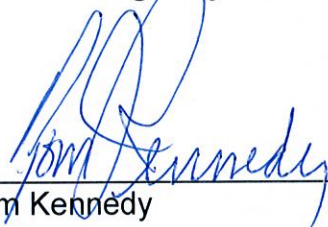
Federal Reserve Water Rights Adjudication - Deferred until next EAC meeting.

FIELD TRIPS OR OTHER FUTURE ACTION ITEMS: Nothing planned at this time.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – There was inadequate time for public comments.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

Next meeting: May 24, 2017 3:30 PM



Tom Kennedy
Chairman