

Environmental Affairs Commission
Regular Meeting- Minutes
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building
August 23, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

Members Present; Tom Kennedy, Ron Faulkner, Dennis Ehrenberger, William Hargis, Norm Patten, Tait Wilcox. Gene Fenstermacher, David Allee.

Associate Members Present; Amy Carter

Council Liaison; Gwen Calhoun, Council Member, absent

Staff Liaison; Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works

Others; Tricia Gerrodette Huachuca Audubon, Dave Thompson, P&Z, Edward Buck, Scout Troop 431, Dave Grieshop, P&Z, Gerald Gabel, P&Z, Matt McLachlan, City Community Development Director

Acceptance of the Agenda; Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to accept the published agenda. Commissioner Patten seconded the motion

Motion was approved

June Minutes; Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to accept the revised minutes from the July meeting. Commissioner Ehrenberger seconded the motion.

Motion was approved.

Council Liaison Comments; No report

Staff Liaison Comments. Ms Flissar updated the commission on staff changes with the 8/31 departure Of Mary Jacobs and the addition of Tony Boone as the new Economic Development manager. Victoria Yarghboro will replace Ms Jacobs.

EAC Chair Comments; Tom Kennedy; Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to accept the application of Commissioner Patten to serve another term on the EAC. Commissioner Ehrenberger seconded the motion.

Motion was approved.

Commissioner Kennedy and Staff Liaison Flissar presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Commissioner Wilcox for his service as a member of the EAC. His term ends on 9/1/2017. Thanks Tait!!

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New EAC Member David Allee was officially welcomed to the Commission. He will assume the duties of EAC Public Awareness.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Infill/Redevelopment; City clean up efforts are coming along nicely.

PV Solar; Commissioner Kennedy will ask the City to re-visit the solar plan that was presented in February. A work session with the City was suggested and met with positive comments from the Commission.

EAC Public Awareness; Commissioner Wilcox announced the EAC participation at "Breakfast in the Gardens" event on August 26, from 8 to 10 AM. The Buena 9/8 Tailgate party prior to the football game was discussed. If the City is going to participate, then the EAC will be part of the City booth. If the City is not going to have a booth then EAC members will attend the function to determine if this is an event the Commission should participate in the future. It was noted that this is the first year for this event and history is not available to make a decision concerning participation.

Environmental Merit Award: Commissioner Ehrenberger announced that the task force met on 8/17 and selected the first recipient of the EMA. A motion to accept the nomination will be presented at the September meeting along with a brief Power Point slide that outlines the selection.

Battery Recycling; Commissioner Hargis will check to determine just what batteries are R/C and which are going to the land fill. We need to convey the correct message to the public.

Glass Recycling: Commissioner Ehrenberger had a letter to the editor published to correct the misconception that the City does not R/C glass. More publicity is needed on the entire R/C program so the public is aware of all programs and the contamination problems that are caused if the public does not R/C properly. Commissioner Patten is going to obtain information from Tucson about their R/C program since they seem to have a more inclusive program. If it is a better program we need to see if it would work for Sierra Vista.

Water Management; Commissioner Faulkner introduced Catlow Shipek who presented comments on being net water positive.

NEW BUSINESS:

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The water restoration program has a goal of being net positive rather than net zero. A very complicated subject, Mr. Shipek discussed the various approaches to this goal of Net Positive. As long as current public water costs are low, the program faces an up hill battle. The good news is that Mr Shipek's organization is working to obtain a positive outcome.

FIELD TRIPS; Commissioner Kennedy will contact Ross Lampert about touring his LEED Platinum Level award winning home that was featured in the Sunday, August 20, 2017 edition of "The Herald".

CALL TO THE PUBLIC;

Ms. Gerrodette had a copy of the article mentioned under Field Trips.

The mother of Edward Buck indicated that some residents of Fort Huachuca are not aware of the City program for Glass R/C and found the discussion very informative.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 5 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2017 at 3:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Ehrenberger, Acting Secretary