

Environmental Affairs Commission
Regular Meeting- Minutes
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building
October 25, 2017 revised 10/26/2017

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM

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

Associate Members Present; Amy Carter

Council Liaison; Gwen Calhoun, Council Member

Staff Liaison; Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works

Others; None

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

Motion approved

September Minutes; Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to accept the recorded minutes for the September meeting. Commissioner Fenstermacher seconded the motion. There were no written minutes for September, only the recorded minutes.

Motion approved. Commissioner's Patton and Ehrenberger abstained since they were absent in September.

Council Liaison Comments; Councilwoman Calhoun stated that a grant has been approved that will allow for a full assessment of the viability of increasing the role of our airport and provide possible help for small business in our community.

Staff Liaison Comments. Ms Flissar provided the following.

1. A guideline for Commission operation has been sent to all EAC members for comment before it is finalized. Questions or comments should be sent to Ms Flissar.
2. Minutes of Commission Meetings can be written or recorded. The September minutes are available to hear on the City Web Site.
3. Associate members of the Commission will serve a two year term from the date the Commission approves the application and can serve no more that three terms as an associate.

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4. A grant for the design of the Urban Recharge project near the EOP was received along with another grant to begin construction of the project after approved. This is part of the CCRN program to help mitigate the water deficit.
5. The Cochise Connection that provides bus transportation between Sierra Vista, Bisbee and Douglas is up and running and doing well. Benson may be added at a future date.

EAC Chair Comments; Tom Kennedy; Commissioner Kennedy asked Commission Members to think about who should fill the Commission Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary positions for 2018. This will be an agenda item for the November meeting. Those selected will begin their term 1/1/2018.

A slide showing the point of contact if an individual would like to make a comment about Vigneto. Comments should not be made as an EAC member; they should be made as an individual.

It was also suggested that the EAC Meeting dates for November and December be changed due to conflicts with the two Holidays. Motion was made by Commissioner Kennedy to select 11/15 and 12/20 as the dates for the next two EAC meetings. Commissioner Ehrenberger seconded and the motion passed

OLD BUSINESS:

Tucson Recycling; Commissioner Patton presented a list of items that Tucson R/C along with a list of what Sierra Vista R/C which is less than the Tucson program. More research will be done to determine if it is financially feasible upgrade the current City R/C program. Re Community is the vendor for the Tucson program

PV Solar; Commissioner Kennedy pointed out that Nevada has reversed its stance on roof top solar that is more friendly to the program.

EAC Public Awareness; Commissioner Allee had nothing to report.

Environmental Merit Award: Commissioner Ehrenberger reported that the award design is in the works, a PR announcement will be drafted and sent to Judy Hector to publish and City Council will be asked to present the award to Water Wise at the 1/25/2017 Council meeting.

Battery Recycling; This topic has been officially removed from Commission initiatives.

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Glass Recycling: Commissioner Ehrenberger reported that the current City program continues to operate and looks forward to the follow up report on the Tucson program. It would be great if glass could be included in the "blue bin" City program. 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.

Water Management; Commissioner's Faulkner and Fenstermacher presented a slide on Subwatershed Management. The main concern is over the lack of information on the mandate to address the 5000 acre feet water deficit that was to be eliminated in 2011. It appears that CCRN (Cochise Conservation Recharge Network) is the organization tasked to meet this requirement. After a lively discussion, it was determined that more information must be obtained from CCRN before the EAC determines our next step. Commission members were urged to look at the CCRN web page. This will be a topic for the next EAC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recycling Bin Labels; Commissioner Hargis stated that contamination continues to be a problem with the City R/C program. If R/C labels were printed, the printing bill would be approximately \$4,000.00 and they would then have to be attached to each blue bin. It was suggested the information be sent along with each monthly / yearly trash bill. Until we have more information on the possibility of joining the Tucson Re-Community program, we will hold this project in abeyance.

FIELD TRIPS: A second visit to Ross Lampert's environmental home is scheduled for 11/9/2017 at 2:00 PM. Contact Commissioner Kennedy if you wish to attend.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC; None

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 4:57 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15 at 3:30 PM.



Tom Kennedy
Chairman