

**Environmental Affairs Commission**  
Regular Meeting- Minutes  
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building  
November 15, 2017 revised 11/18/2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Kennedy called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM

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

**Associate Members Present;** Amy Carter, Joanne Roberts

**Council Liaison;** Gwen Calhoun, Council Member, Absent

**Staff Liaison;** Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works

**Others;** Bernie Stalman, Tice Supplee (Audubon Arizona), Tricia Gerrodette

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

Motion approved

**October Minutes;** Commissioner Ehrenberger made a motion to accept the minutes for the October meeting. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

**Council Liaison Comments;** Councilwoman Calhoun was absent.

**Staff Liaison Comments.** Ms Flissar provided the following.

1. New glass R/C flyers have been printed and are available thru the PAO.

**EAC Chair Comments;** Tom Kennedy; Commissioner Kennedy indicated that Commissioners Hargis, Faulkner, and Ehrenberger have indicated that they are willing to serve as Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary for 2018. A motion to approve will be on the December agenda. The term will start 1/1/2018.

All EAC associate members will term out 12/31/2017 and will have to submit a new application for a two year term if they want to continue serving.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Tucson Recycling: No report as Commissioner Patton was absent.

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PV Solar; Commissioner Kennedy stated that the recent ACC ruling was more favorable to roof top solar customers than expected.

EAC Public Awareness; Commissioner Allee was absent.

Environmental Merit Award: Commissioner Ehrenberger

1. Letters to the winner and both runners up were signed and mailed.
2. The press release on the results of the 2017 program was presented and approved for publication. The approved copy will be sent to Ms Flissar for action with the City PAO.
3. The suggested award plaque was approved and will be available for the January presentation at one of the City Council formal meetings.
4. Commissioner Ehrenberger requested that the EAC be advised which January Council meeting the award will be presented so that EAC members can attend.
5. The new campaign will begin 1/1/2018 and all applications must be submitted by 6/1/2018 for review by the committee. The same award schedule for the 2018 award will be followed.

Recycling Bin Labels; Until we have more information on the possibility of Sierra Vista joining with the Tucson R/C program the label issue is on hold. It was pointed out that the biggest problem with the Sierra Vista R/C program is still contamination. This has to be resolved before going forward with Tucson.

Water Management; The Commission departed from normal policy to invite our guests to join a discussion on the water management issue. It was pointed out that CCRN does not want to engage the EAC on this subject. The Commission will request Councilwoman Calhoun to provide further direction by asking the City what they want the Commission to do in this area. Commissioners Faulkner and Fenstermacher will continue to monitor the situation and report any "red flags" to the entire Commission. To help Councilwoman Calhoun a set of Commission concerns will be developed pointing out specific concerns that require answers.

The next topic concerned Vigneto and again, our guests had information to contribute. This is a Benson project but Sierra Vista has the following concerns that should be addressed before the project proceeds;

1. There needs to be a printed specific plan to achieve net zero water. To date we have seen nothing
2. How will the project monitor water usage to assure net zero?
3. What is the plan if wells start to dry up?

All of these concerns will have an affect on Sierra Vista and should be brought to the attention of City Council. Commissioners Kennedy, Faulkner, Fenstermacher and associate Carter will provide a list for the December meeting that if

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approved, will be forwarded thru Councilwoman Calhoun to the full Council to address.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FIELD TRIPS:** A second visit to Ross Lampert's environmental home took place 11/9/2017 and was attended by Commissioner's Kennedy and Ehrenberger.

Commissioner Kennedy will work on a trip to Bisbee and their solar EOP at some future date.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** See the open discussion on water management and Vigneto

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2017 at 3:30 PM

The recorded version of the entire EAC meeting can be heard on the City web site.

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Ehrenberger, Acting Secretary