

**Environmental Affairs Commission**  
Regular Meeting- Minutes  
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building  
December 20, 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, Gene Fenstermacher, Norm Patten, David Allee.

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

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

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

**Others;** Jin Lou, City of Sierra Vista Tricia Gerrodette

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

Motion approved

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

Motion approved.

**Council Liaison Comments;** Councilwoman Calhoun was asked to provide a date for the presentation of the EMA at one of the council meetings in January

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

1. Wished all Happy Holidays
2. The energy audit at the EOP will start in January
3. The City is looking at grants for park infrastructure improvements
4. The Press release for the EMA was handed out and will be published in January.

**EAC Chair Comments;** Tom Kennedy; Commissioner Kennedy thanked all on the Commission who have served this past year. This was his last meeting as Commission Chair.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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Environmental Merit Award; Commissioner Ehrenberger will contact Mark Apel at Water Wise to confirm the presentation date in January. Ms Flissar has the plaque and the Press releases is ready to publish in early January.

Tucson Recycling; Commissioner Patton is gathering information on the Tucson R/C program to see if Sierra Vista can become involved in the same program which takes everything. More information to follow next month.

PV Solar; Commissioner Kennedy stated that battery power for individual homeowners is looking very promising.

EAC Public Awareness; Commissioner Allee will contact Tait Wilcox to determine which programs the EAC should participate in for 2018. Report will follow in January.

Recycling Bin Labels; This will remain tabled until we have more information on joining forces with Tucson. 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; Commissioner's Faulkner and Fenstermacher presented a suggested water mitigation plan that if approved, would sent on to City Council for review. The steps would be;

1. Send the cover letter and plan to the Council reading file
2. Request thru our Council Liaison a work session to go over the plan
3. It was suggested that Commissioners individually contact Council members to gain interest and support for the plan.

Commissioner Hargis was opposed, the rest of the Commission voted to approve going forward.

Background; The 2011 mandate to eliminate the water deficit was never accomplished and the currently is no formal plan on file to address this mandate. Failure to act could result in problems for Fort Huachuca and affect economic growth of the City. This suggested plan addresses the mandated mitigation problem and was modeled after the project in Palominas. It was also pointed out that this is a City and County responsibility. The suggested EAC plan is in response to the 2011 mandate in very detailed to address the issue.

Glass R/C; Commissioner Ehrenberger pointed out that the recent 1 & 1 TRASH AND RECYCLING flyer did not address the City glass recycling program and Ms Flissar stated that the flyer was never sent to her for a final look before it was printed and mailed to residents. Commissioner Ehrenberger also asked that a 12/20/2017 USA TODAY article on R/C Christmas ribbon, cards and fancy paper be sent to all Commissioners and forwarded to the City PIO for distribution.

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A discussion on what role the Commission should play in the Vigneto project followed, and it was determined that Commissioner Kennedy would send out a request to the Commissioner's to provide their concerns which will be used as possible points that may be forwarded to Council for evaluation. This should be accomplished by the February meeting. Initial questions that were raised at the November discussion are;

1. Is there a printed specific plan to achieve net zero water?
2. How will the project monitor water usage to assure net zero?
3. What is the plan if wells start to dry up?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Allee to approve the following slate for 2018; Commissioners Hargis as Chair, Commissioner Faulkner as Co-Chair, and Commissioner Ehrenberger as Secretary for 2018. The motion passed. Terms will begin 1/1/2018.

**FIELD TRIPS:** Nothing on the agenda as yet.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Ms Gerrodette advised that on 12/28, the City Of Benson will be voting on the Vigneto project and urged all to attend. She also confirmed that both the City and County are indeed responsible for addressing the 2011 water mandate.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24,2018 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