

Environmental Affairs Commission
Regular Meeting- Minutes
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building
January 24, 2018 revised 1/29/2017

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Hargis 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; Amy Carter

Council Liaison; Gwen Calhoun, Council Member;

Staff Liaison; Sharon Flissar, Director of Public Works

Others; Jing Luo, City of Sierra Vista

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

Motion approved

November Minutes; Commissioner Patten made a motion to accept the minutes for the December meeting. Commissioner Fenstermacher seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Council Liaison Comments; Councilwoman Calhoun

Advised that the work session concerning our water project has been rescheduled for February 6 at 3PM ; Location will be the Council Chamber in City Hall. Also advised that the City is looking at the current R/C program

Staff Liaison Comments. Ms Flissar provided the following.

1. The EMA award will be presented at the 1/25 Council meeting.
2. If a member wants to add to the agenda or present any attachment to the agenda, that addition is required by close of business the Thursday before the Commission meeting.
3. It was suggested that we invite the City Manager Potucek and Mr Haverty to the February meeting for an update on the R/C program. Motion made by Commissioner Faulkner, seconded by Commissioner Ehrenberger to invite them. Motion passed. It was mentioned that due to a reduction in locations accepting R/C material, the City cost to run the program will increase by about \$100,000/year.
4. The Press release for the EMA winner will be sent to all Commissioners on 1/25 as it has not yet appeared in the Herald Review.

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EAC Chair Comments; William Hargis; Commissioner Hargis made his début as the new Chair of the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Environmental Merit Award; Commissioner Ehrenberger advised that Mark Apel from Water Wise and several members of his team will attend the 1/25 Council meeting to accept the award. The criteria for the 2018 award will be revised to a simpler format and will be available for a vote at the next meeting.

Tucson Recycling; Commissioner Patten advised that China is backing away from accepting R/C material and this is causing increased cost for all programs. The guests for next month will help set the direction of our program. More information will follow after the February presentation.

PV Solar; Commissioner Kennedy advised that three directors positions on the SSVEC Board of Directors will require an election in the second quarter of 2018.

EAC Public Awareness; Commissioner Allee indicated that we should continue to support Breakfast in the Garden and the West End Fair . Commissioner Kennedy volunteered to assist David in looking at additional areas where the EAC could participate. It was suggested we look at a quarterly presence at the Farmers Market and update our hand out material.

Recycling Bin Labels; Commissioner Hargis suggested our action will take place after the February presentation about R/C. Contamination is the biggest problem and more education on this issue is required.

Vigneto; Commissioner Ehrenberger made a motion to send a letter to City Council voicing our concerns about the project. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion failed. More information on this subject will be presented at the next meeting.

Water Management; Commissioner's Faulkner and Fenstermacher will be on hand at the February 6, 3 PM workshop where the Commission presentation will be discussed. All are encouraged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Kennedy made a motion, 2nd by Commissioner Patten to change the EAC meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. After discussion, the

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motion failed and we will continue to hold EAC meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Commissioner Hargis stated that the EAC annual presentation to City Council will take place March 27 at 3 PM. The 2017 presentation was sent to all Commissioners and a request was made to update the projects you have been assigned to manage.

FIELD TRIPS: Nothing on the agenda as yet.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Hargis adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 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, Secretary



William Hargis, Chairman