



**The Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission
Online Work Session via Zoom
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:32 P.M.

1. Roll Call by Staff Liaison

Members Present: Chair Billy Vaughan; Vice Chair Paul Lemmon; Commissioners Thomas Albrigo, Elizabeth Valencia, Daniel Schuh, and Alejandro Arreguin

Members Absent: Commissioners Litzy Hernandez, Bernadette Barba, Rebecca Forstner, and Kim Avila

Municipal Staff Present: Danae Presler, Sustainability Officer

2. 2022 Annual Goals Discussion

Staff Liaison Danae Presler provided an overview of the 2021 Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Commission (EENRC) Goals and accomplishments and a list of upcoming opportunities for the Commission to consider in crafting its goals.

Chair Billy Vaughan invited Commissioners to share what they felt were priorities for the Commission to address this upcoming year.

Vice Chair Paul Lemmon recently attended the City Council meeting where the South Avondale Plan was presented. Mr. Lemmon advised that the EENRC receive a similar presentation and be given an opportunity to provide input on future growth and development of the area south of the Estrella Mountains. Commissioners present noted their agreement and their interests, including potential to promote wise water use through landscape design and rainwater harvesting, electric vehicle-ready homes and buildings, solar, and other sustainable design aspects. The item was suggested for the Regular Meeting in September.

Commissioners discussed interest in exploring opportunities for a community garden or school program that incorporates vertical growing, hydroponic garden, or other project to promote local and sustainable food systems in Avondale. The Commission wishes to consider appointing an Ad Hoc Committee at a Regular Meeting to further investigate ideas.

Commissioner Alejandro Arreguin inquired if companies that participate in the Green Business Program are featured in the RAVE magazine. Ms. Presler confirmed that they are included in each edition.

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Vice Chair Lemmon supported the Commission's involvement in KidFest and Tres Rios Nature Festival to support the Sustainability booth. Mr. Lemmon also recommended that the Mayor could talk about sustainability at the State of the City Address, in addition to the Green Business Program.

Commissioner Arreguin requested information on how residents can contact City Council. Ms. Presler will provide the information in a follow-up email.

Chair Vaughan recommended that the Commission participate in the Tres Rios Cleanup on February 19th and develop a campaign as part of the global Plastic Free July initiative. Commissioners present noted their support. Mr. Vaughan asked staff to prepare a sign-up sheet for the January Regular Meeting to help split up tasks among the Commissioners.

Commissioner Albrigo voiced interest in being involved in reviewing the Community Sustainability Plan.

Commissioner Valencia shared that she has started a new role in the Maricopa County Assessor's Office and is no longer with the Air Quality Department. However, she noted that the goals the Commission has discussed are aligned with the efforts the County is making.

Ms. Presler will compile the feedback from the Work Session and draft 2022 annual goals for the Commission to review and adopt at the Regular Meeting on January 26, 2022.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

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Sustainability Officer as Staff Liaison



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th day of December 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

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