

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission

February 28, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Sonoran Conference Room, Avondale City Hall

11465 W Civic Center Dr.

Agenda

- 1. Roll Call and Commissioner Introductions.**
- 2. Unscheduled Public Appearances.**
- 3. Approval of the January, 25 2018 Minutes (For Action). **Approved****
- 4. Legislative Update – Jessica Blazina – Assistant Director Intergovernmental Affairs **Discussed****
- 5. Finalization of the EENRC Goals for 2018 (For Action). **Approved****
- 6. Discussion regarding desired involvement and participation in the City's Annual Tres Rios Festival (For Action) **Discussed****
- 7. Expectation of EENRC Tours and Making Suggestions to Staff – Tiffany Copp. **Discussed****
- 8. Adjournment.**

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Bryck
Environmental and Sustainability Program Manager

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MINUTES (Draft)

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm once a quorum was reached.

1. Roll Call and Commissioner Introductions.

Members Present: Dan Rauscher, Zachary Kovach, Troy Timmons, Curtis Nielson, Karl Darden, AJ Irakoze, Tom Albrigo.

Members Excused: Jo Schrepfner, Frank Palacio, Linda Merritt.

2. Unscheduled Public Appearances.

There were no unscheduled public appearances.

3. Approval of the January, 24 2018 Minutes (For Action).

Member Rauscher made a motion to accept the January, 24 2017 minutes with one correction to a spelling error. Member Nielson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Legislative Update – Jessica Blazina – Assistant Director Intergovernmental Affairs

Ms. Blazina began her presentation at 6:05 pm for information only as the EENRC was one member short of a quorum.

Ms. Blazina gave a general overview of the legislative session so far this year. She mentioned that one of the primary environmental bills that was being debated was the relaxation of the 100-year water supply requirement for new development. The bill was being introduced by a legislator from southern Arizona as a way to spur more development. Ms. Blazina stated that it would likely be vetoed by the Governor as he is a proponent of sound water policy.

Another bill that was being discussed was a resolution stating that nuclear power is a key component of Arizona's energy future. Ms. Blazina stated that this was more of a supportive message rather than a bill with actual policy implications.

Member Nielson asked if this bill would stray into the territory of the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Ms. Blazina stated that as it would be non-binding, that it would not.

5. Finalization of the EENRC Goals for 2018 (For Action).

Drew Bryck, Environmental & Sustainability Program Manager for the city gave an over view of the results of the 2018 goal survey. It was determined that the top six goals from the survey would be worked on for the remainder of the year. The goals are as follows:

- Review the Municipal Sustainability Plan for changes, updates, etc. In addition, create a list of previous city environmental accomplishments.
- Update on city water and long-range planning including any predictive monitoring of the long term water supply if applicable.
 - i. Tour the city's water reclamation facility and waste water recharge basins.
- Legislative update regarding any proposed bills on energy, environment or natural resources.
- Education on the city's recycling and green waste programs.

- Green building: Learn more about the energy efficiency of potential new city buildings and the possibility of retrofitting LED lights in existing city buildings. Update on the feasibility of solar installation on city facilities.
- Host Earth Day Activities at Kid Fest.

Member Darden made a motion to accept the 2018 Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources goals as stated and Member Timmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion regarding desired involvement and participation in the City's Annual Tres Rios Festival (For Action)

Mr. Bryck gave an update that planning for Tres Rios Festival was too far along to secure a booth at Tres Rios at this point. He stated that he was however able to secure a 30-minute speaking spot at the Education Zone on Sunday at 3:00pm and that he would be speaking about the city's sustainability and stormwater mitigation efforts.

Member Kovach stated that he would be interested in stopping by the city's water conservation booth which was to be set up by Public Works.

7. Expectation of EENRC Tours and Making Suggestions to Staff – Tiffany Copp.

Mr. Bryck stated that if members would like tours of city facilities or information from city staff in other departments, that they should use him as a primary point of contact for the request. The reasoning behind this is to make the tours available to all members if they are interested.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Bryck mentioned that the Commission needed to vote for a new Chair and Co-Chair. Chair Irakoze stated he would like to hold the election at the March meeting in order to let other Commissioners think about whether they would like to run for the open positions.

Member Nielson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm. Member Rauscher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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