

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission

March 28, 2018

6:00 p.m.

**Sonoran Conference Room, Avondale City Hall
11465 W Civic Center Dr.**

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- 1. Roll Call and Commissioner Introductions. 6:06 PM**
- 2. Unscheduled Public Appearances. Discussed- None.**
- 3. Approval of the February, 2018 Minutes. Approved.**
- 4. Green building and renewable energy at City facilities. Discussed (Not for Action).**
- 5. Parks and Recreation Maintenance Update. Discussed (Not for Action).**
- 6. Election of Chair and Co-Chair. Approved.**
- 7. Adjournment. 7:00 PM- Next Meeting April 25, 2018**

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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.

1. Roll Call and Commissioner Introductions.

Members Present: Jo Schrepfner, Zachary Kovach, Troy Timmons, Karl Darden, AJ Irakoze, Tom Albrigo.

Members Excused: Curtis Nielson, Frank Palacio.

Member Merritt arrived at 6:09 PM and Member Rauscher arrived at 6:20 PM.

Member Schrepfner left at 6:37 PM.

2. Unscheduled Public Appearances.

There were no unscheduled public appearances.

3. Approval of the February 28 2018 Minutes (For Action).

Member Merritt requested clarification on the minutes to reflect more accurately when a quorum was reached at the last meeting. This prompted discussion about how many members are required to reach a quorum and Ms. Copp confirmed that number was five (5), which is a majority of the voting membership.

Member Albrigo noted that the minutes did not reflect the discussion surrounding the request to modify the commission start time from 6PM to 6:30 PM. Member Merritt believed the new start time was already in effect. Ms. Copp reminded the membership of the ongoing conversations surrounding this issue at the past two meetings and that no vote had occurred.

Member Albrigo moved to approve the minutes with the requested changes to clarify when the quorum was reached and to include the discussion about the 6:30 PM start time. and Member Kovach seconded. The minutes were approved as amended with Member Merritt objecting.

4. Green building – Tiffany Copp – Management Analyst for Development and Engineering Services

Tiffany Copp, Management Analyst for the Development and Engineering Services Department, gave an overview of the cost and energy savings associated with the City's ongoing Siemens project.

Member Darden inquired about the ROI and a schedule for completion.

Ms. Copp did not have the information at hand but agreed to obtain it and distribute to the membership.

Ms. Copp then presented to the membership on LEED Certification, the process to obtain official certification, and the associated benefits and costs. Ms. Copp relayed the City's intent to pursue a basic "LEED Certified" status on the upcoming combined Senior and Resource Center, and pointed to the Buildings and Maintenance section of the City's Municipal Sustainability Plan, developed by this commission, as supporting this goal. Ms. Copp further reviewed the building projects presently outlined in the CIP and the prospect of future development in the southern part of the City prompting the need for new City facilities.

Member Darden stated that he would like to see LEED-like certification pursued on City-owned buildings that are refurbished or retrofit, but that official LEED Certification should be pursued in new builds.

Member Rauscher stated he would like to see a minimum of LEED Silver status achieved on new City buildings.

Member Albrigo agreed that striving for a higher level of LEED Certification on new City facilities could attract like-minded businesses, thus having the unintended benefit of assisting the City with Economic Development.

The Membership agreed they would like to draft a letter to the Mayor and Council in support of pursuing LEED Silver certification on all newly erected City buildings and LEED-like status for all refurbished or retrofitted facilities. Member Kovach agreed to draft the document.

As the group was discussing projects pertaining to the CIP, Ms. Copp inquired as to the membership's level of support regarding the City Clerk's proposed changes to the CIP Committee. Ms. Copp explained that the Clerk's Office desired to restructure the CIP Committee to mandate that it be comprised of two members from existing commissions, specifically two from the EENRC, and a councilmember at large. The membership unanimously supported the proposed restructuring of the CIP Committee.

5. Parks & Recreation Maintenance– Tiffany Copp – Management Analyst for Development and Engineering Services

Ms. Copp informed the membership about the cleaning efforts of the City's Parks and Recreation Department as it pertains to those facilities and the park equipment.

Member Albrigo asked if staff ever swipe tested the equipment as a means to test the effectiveness of the cleaning.

Ms. Copp agreed to look into the matter and report back to the group.

Member Merritt inquired as to the timeline in which Parks Staff replace vegetation damaged by microbursts or other heavy storms, and if those plants are replaced with like items or transitioned to native or drought-tolerant vegetation, if that is not what was previously present.

Ms. Copp agreed to look into the matter and report back to the group.

6. Election of the Chair and Co-Chair (For Action)

The membership nominated one another for the respective positions of Chair and Co-Chair. Members Timmons and Irakoze declined due to existing time constraints/personal obligations. Members Rauscher and Merritt declined due to an inability to be present on time to lead the meetings. The membership again discussed moving the Commission's start time back to 6:30 PM.

Ms. Copp said she would again revisit this with staff and report back to the membership.

Member Albrigo self-nominated for the position of chair and Member Merritt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Raucher nominated Member Kovach as Co-Chair and Member Albrigo Seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Kovach's objection.

7. Adjournment.

Member Merritt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Member Kovach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Copp for Drew Bryck
Environmental and Sustainability Program Manager

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