

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission

September 26, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Sonoran Conference Room, Avondale City Hall

11465 W Civic Center Dr.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.** 6:31 PM
- 2. Unscheduled Public Appearances.** None.
- 3. Approval of the August 22, 2018 Minutes.** Approved.
- 4. Staff Update on the Municipal Sustainability Plan.** Discussion only.
- 5. Tres Rios and Kids Fest Planning.** Discussion only.
- 6. FY19 Commission Goals.** Discussion only.
- 7. Adjournment.** 7:39 PM.

The next meeting is October 24, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Sonoran Conference Room at City Hall.

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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

1. Roll Call.

Members Present: Paul Lemmon, Tom Albrigo, Troy Timmons, AJ Irakoze, Curtis Nielson and Zachary Kovach.

Members Excused: Jo Schrepfer and Linda Merritt.

Member Rauscher arrived at 6:43 PM.

Also present: Tiffany Copp, Senior Management Analyst, Development & Engineering Services Department.

2. Unscheduled Public Appearances.

None.

3. Approval of the August 22, 2018 Minutes.

Member Nielson moved to approve and Member Timmons seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Staff Update on the Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP).

Ms. Krause updated the commission on the re-convening of the City's Green Team, which is comprised of department directors. The first meeting is scheduled to occur in October and attendees have been asked to bring their department's achievements in connection with the MSP goals for review and discussion. The goals accomplished, and those in-progress, will be compiled by Ms. Krause and Ms. Copp to create a comprehensive, updated MSP report. This report will enable the Green Team and Commission to establish future goals and keep the MSP current.

Member Nielson asked if the commissioners feedback has been provided to the Green Team yet. Ms. Copp indicated that would occur at a later meeting. To keep the Green Team focused, the content digestible, and because the commission overwhelmingly requested an update prior to finalizing their comments and setting future goals, accomplishments will be the first item on the Green Team Agenda.

Chairman Albrigo inquired if an EENRC commissioner should sit in on the meeting. Staff will consider that for a future meeting of the Green Team. In the alternative, members of the Green Team could be asked to report to the commission on their progress as part of the FY19 goals.

This item was for discussion only.

5. Tres Rios and Kids Fest Planning.

Staff provided the dates of both the Tres Rios and Kid Fest events.

After a lengthy discussion and exchange of ideas, the commissioners agreed that it would best to share a booth with Esmie in Public Works at Tres Rios, if she is agreeable. Staff and commissioners could take shifts to handout stickers with QR codes linking to sustainability information in lieu of distributing pamphlets. The Tres Rios festival is scheduled for March 2nd and 3rd, 2019.

For Kid Fest, which will be held Saturday, April 06, 2019, several commissioners proposed having handouts/swag such as Frisbees, other stickers for kids, pens, or other City of Avondale merchandise. The commissioners want to host a stand-alone booth with kid-friendly activities. Member Kovach proposed collecting recyclable materials and having an “upcycling station” to allow kids to be creative. Member Lemmon suggested a sorting game to help residents understand what items are recyclable versus those that are not.

Staff agreed to coordinate to have stickers and other City of Avondale merchandise available for handout at this event.

This item was for discussion only.

6. FY19 Commission Goals.

Chairman Albrigo presented several slides to the commission on Quality and Circular Economy as a means of spurring new goal ideas for 2019. Staff reviewed the 2018 goals with the commission; both those accomplished and those not accomplished. Several ideas were discussed among the commissioners and staff agreed to compile a list of those ideas and disseminate to the commission. Commissioners were encouraged to propose new ideas to Staff and the final list would be placed on the next agenda for discussion and a vote.

This item was for discussion only.

Adjournment.

Member Nielson moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Lemmon seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Hether Krause
Environmental and Sustainability Program Manager

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