



## Department of Community + Human Development

**DATE:** Monday 28, January 2019

**TIME:** 5:30 PM

**PLACE:** City Hall - *MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR*  
300 N. Campbell  
El Paso, Texas 79901

### **MINUTES FOR REGIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RREAC) MEETING (recording available [online](#))**

#### **Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present</b>
Frederic Dalbin	Mayor	Vice Chair	
Shelby Diego Ruff	1	Member	x
Rodolfo Parra	2	Member	
Alberto Reyes	3	Member	x
Blanca Gadney-Moss	4	Chair	x
Jonathan Childress	5	Member	x
Fareed Issa Klayel	6	Member	x
Edward Castro	7	Member	
Gustavo Arriaga	8	Member	
Eddie Gutierrez	N/A	El Paso Electric (EPE) Technical Advisor	x

#### **1. Meeting is called to order at 5.40**

#### **2. Excused Absences**

Request to excuse absent members (Fred Dalbin, Rodolfo Parra, Edward Castro).

#### **3. Approval of Minutes from October 2018 Meeting**

Approved

#### **4. Goal 1: Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong Economic Development**

##### **4.1. Sol Smart**

- Decide where to put the plaque.
- Ideally at City Hall, outside Council Chambers
- Shelby Ruff volunteered to put together a brief explanation on what the Sol Smart designation is and what means for the City.

##### Action items:

- City to consult with Leadership about the location of the plaque.
- City to consult if RREAC members are allowed to communicate by email about the explanation text.

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Dee Margo

#### **City Council**

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##### *District 3*

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##### *District 4*

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##### *District 5*

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##### *District 6*

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##### *District 7*

Henry Rivera

##### *District 8*

Cissy Lizarraga

#### **City Manager**

Tommy Gonzalez



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### 5. Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network

- 5.1. Discussion and follow up on Presentation to Council on November 2018
  - Smart meter current state in El Paso concerning EPE's and City's plans and advancements.
  - Too early to have a cost and benefit conversation yet from EPE's side.
  - Regulatory discussion. EPE proposes an agenda item focused on a larger discussion on generation mix and how smart cities concepts fit into the mix. Invite one EPE regulatory expert to present.
  - Current state of EPE's Demand Response program: in evaluation.
- 5.2. Discussion and Action regarding RE and EE Policy: business case
  - Electricity generation 101 for elected officials.
  - Goals presentation to council has to start with the baseline.
  - El Paso Children's Museum as an educational tool.
  - Presentation from CID about their pipeline of projects.
  - Engage with School Districts to address the Regional scope of the Council. Leverage 'Communities of Excellence' project to deploy best practices throughout the Community.

#### Action items:

- CID presentation for next RREAC meeting.
- Schedule EPE's regulatory expert presentation on generation mix and smart cities.
- EPE to work on engaging solar actors for the 101 workshop.
- Shelby Ruff to engage with geothermal experts.

### 6. Adjourned at 6.35 pm. The next meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Posted this the 8th day of February 2019, at 12.00 p.m.

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