



Capital Improvement Department

DATE: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

TIME: 4:15 PM

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

REGIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RREAC) MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Name	District	Position	Present
Frederic Dalbin	Mayor	Member	Not present
VACANT	1	Member	Not present
Crystal Arrieta	2	Member	x
Shelby Diego Ruff	3	Vice Chair	x
Blanca Gadney-Moss	4	Member	x
Jonathan Childress	5	Member	x
Fareed Issa Klayel	6	Member	Not present
Xavier Miranda	7	Chair	x
Gustavo Arriaga	8	Member	x
Eddie Gutierrez	N/A	El Paso Electric (EPE) Technical Advisor	x

1. **Meeting called to order with quorum at 5:30 pm**
2. **Request to Excuse Absent Members**
 - 2.1. District 1 (vacancy)
 - 2.2. Members excused (noted above)
3. **Approval of Minutes from 9/20/2017 Meeting**
 - 3.1. Minutes approved
4. **Goal 1: Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong, Economic Development**
 - 4.1. SolSmart Certification, Press Update and Next Steps
 - 4.1.1. SolSmart representatives are presenting at the Eco El Paso Conference on Oct. 25 and 26, so we will coordinate a special meeting of the RREAC, talk about next steps, and take advantage of the 100 hours of technical assistance provided by SolSmart with our designation.
 - 4.1.2. We would like to have the workshop at 9 am and the press event to accept the plaque at 10:30 am on 10/25.
 - 4.1.3. If members have any questions or notes for the SolSmart workshop / RREAC meeting, please send to staff no later than COB 10/18/2017.
5. **Goal 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network**

Mayor
Dee Margo

City Council

District 1
Peter Svarzbein

District 2
Alexandra Annello

District 3
Cassandra H. Brown

District 4
Sam Morgan

District 5
Dr. Michiel R. Noe

District 6
Claudia Ordaz Perez

District 7
Henry Rivera

District 8
Cissy Lizarraga

City Manager
Tommy Gonzalez



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5.1. Urban Energy Plan Update

- 5.1.1. Met with Robert Palacios to discuss Task force groups and Borderplex is looking for new task force members. We discussed how renewable energy/sustainability can be a priority throughout the region (especially with our desire to attract companies such as Amazon who prioritize sustainability)
- 5.1.2. Mr. Palacios and RREAC members had an open discussion regarding what the task forces are and who can participate

8. Other comments or questions

8.1. Electric Vehicles

- 8.1.1. How do we set up these systems to encourage a green economy to lure people from other areas? (Blanca Gadney-Moss, Member)
- 8.1.2. Electric Company can be a driving force because it means more electricity consumed and more jobs. Let's talk to SolSmart about that (Shelby Ruff, Vice-Chair).

8.2. Municipality Energy Usage

- 8.2.1. Need to rewrite City codes for new construction to require a certain percentage of solar (Xavier Miranda, Chair)
- 8.2.2. We should look at what other "Smart Cities" are doing and recommend policies that can help drive us forward (Eddie Gutierrez, EPE Technical Advisor)
- 8.2.3. Need to educate our City Council members about what a great building looks like and how renewable energy can be encouraged (Blanca Gadney-Moss, Member)
- 8.2.4. Need to develop a vision and then take steps from there (Jonathan Childress, Member)

8.3. Update from the rate case (Eddie Gutierrez, El Paso Electric)

- 8.1.1. Still waiting on the final order

9. Public Comment

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

- 10.1. Meetings of the RREAC will be every second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 at 5:30 pm.**