



Capital Improvement Department

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DATE: Monday, October 22, 2018

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

Attendance

Name	District	Position	Present
Frederic Dalbin	Mayor	Vice Chair	
Shelby Diego Ruff	1	Member	x
Rodolfo Parra	2	Member	x
Alberto Reyes	3	Member	
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	x
Eddie Gutierrez	N/A	El Paso Electric (EPE) Technical Advisor	x

1.1 Meeting is called to order at 5:45

2.1 Excused Absences

Request to excuse absent members (Fred Dalbin, Alberto Reyes, Edward Castro)

3.1 Approve Minutes from the August Meeting

Motion to Table Smart City Strategies Discussion

- Blanca Moves, Shelby seconds
- Approved
- One nay

4.1 Sol Smart Promotion and Marketing

- Recommendation to city council to incorporate Sol Smart into overarching marketing strategies
- Permanent Sol Smart logo on the city website



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- Fernando Liano, Sustainability coordinator will be tasked creating a workplan for Sustainability, including outreach planning
 - Potential budget for marketing and promotion
 - Discussion regarding structuring of sustainability office
 - Utilization of volunteers and VISTA program
 - Culture change is necessary
 - Incorporation of video outreach for sustainability
 - Sustainability Website
- Action Items:
 - Schedule an update to City council toward the end of the year

5.1 Solar Adoption Rate and Data Request

- Handout from EPE
- Residential and Commercial combined in report...request for breakout
- REC Data
 - EPE will come back with data before next meeting
 - Growth Trends of DG in El Paso, Robert Moss
 - Solar growth equates to jobs
 - Save the planet
 - Reduce carbon footprint
 - Solar is the largest growth sector and will be for the next 10 years
- Even though we're issuing permits, we are seeing and decrease in growth
- We need to understand completion / installation dates versus permits issued
- Reduction in number of panels could be a result of a number of things:
- Sophistication of system design
- Or disincentive to overproduce
- Only city in the state to charge a fee based on number of panels installed (city Fee)
- \$30 minimum bill (highest in the US)?
- Seems fewer systems are being installed and the systems installed are smaller
- Disruptive technology

Recommendations

- (Capture from presentation)
- CIA—Conversation regarding the minimum bill, request came from the interveners
- Community solar is a voluntary program
 - Spectrum of solar options

Table 5.3 (Approved)



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5.4 Renewable Energy Policy + Strategy for the City

- Motion to submit to city council for review
- Can be adapted and resubmitted
- Present document to council (Shelby to send the link)

RREAC Update to City Council at either November or December Special City Council Meeting

Adjourned at 6:44 pm. The next meeting will be November 26th, 2018.