



Pueblo Energy Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Aug 5 | 4 – 5:15 PM

In person at SRDA and on Zoom

Attendance					
✓	Larry Atencio	✓	Martin Adams		STAFF:
✓	Laura Getts	✓	Kenneth Danti	✓	Dan Kogovsek
✓	Adam Haman	-	Gregory George	✓	Alyssa Parga
✓	Allison Kipple	✓	Edgie Walrath		
✓	Joshua Montelongo	✓	Joe Waneka		OTHER:
-	Jeffrey Mara	✓	Steve Nawrocki	✓	George Samaris, Community Member
✓	Tyler Surat	✓	Monica Younger	✓	Dave DeCenzo, Community Member
✓	John Vigil			✓	Miguel Otarole, Co Pub Radio

1. Call to Order, Chair Steve Nawrocki

Steve Nawrocki began the meeting at 4:03 pm.

2. Open Discussion

Steve Nawrocki opened the floor for discussion from all commission members. Allison Kipple followed up on an email she sent the commission on 8/1/21 with a of follow-up on the franchise agreements and community energy plan documents and aligning the commission’s purpose with a broader range of subcommittees. Ken Danti followed up on his email sent to the commission on 8/2/21 which suggested that the published community energy plan document is too restrictive for the city’s goal of 100% renewables by 2035, and suggesting a shared drive for communication purposes within the commission members. Alyssa Parga gave an update that the City might be able to help with a Sharepoint for this purpose. Steve suggested the group invite a representative from the County and Xcel Energy to give an update at a future meeting. Larry Atencio commented that all of these were good ideas and the City needs a comprehensive plan for the next 30-40 years, and there are other cities already starting to look at energy needs.

3. Focus Groups/Committees Discussion

Edgie led the group in discussion of which committees were needed and the best structure for the commission. Ideas that were put forth included:

- Addition of the following committees
 - Lobbying
 - Education

- Jobs & Industry Support
- Political
- Generation
- Transportation
- Identifying the “macro” issues like generation as well as the “micro” opportunities including policies, programs, net-zero buildouts, etc.
- Optimize the new county vacancy in the energy coordination position – perhaps this is an opportunity to make it a joint city-county position?
- Aggregate city’s needs (both as a government and as a community) and have a new energy audit
- Commission’s socialization of BHE’s 4-year plan which is in the works and expected 4th quarter 2021. John Vigil will share the current ERP for comparison.
- Proposal was made to have 3 main branches comprised of these topics, everything else should be able to fit under one of these branches:
 - Lower Consumption
 - Change Policies
 - Interface (with existing companies)
- The group agreed this was a good idea and Monica Younger agreed to facilitate the brainstorm session of these structures/formations at the next meeting.

4. Suggestions for next meeting

Steve set the next meeting for August 18 at 4 pm in the same location (3rd Floor, SRDA office). The bulk of the meeting will be brainstorming/consensus building on the Commission Structure.

5. Community member input

Steve allowed each community member in attendance time to give brief input and ask questions.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

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