



Pueblo Energy Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 20 | 4 – 5:15 PM

In person at SRDA and on Zoom

Attendance					
✓	Larry Atencio	✓	Martin Adams		STAFF:
	Laura Getts	✓	Kenneth Danti	✓	Alyssa Parga
	Adam Haman		Gregory George	✓	Dan Kogovsek
	Allison Kipple	✓	Edgie Walrath, Vice Chair		
	Joshua Montelongo	✓	Joe Waneka		OTHER:
	Jeffrey Mara	✓	Steve Nawrocki, Chair		Diane Danti,
	Tyler Surat	✓	Monica Younger		
✓	John Vigil				

1. **Call to Order, Chair Steve Nawrocki**
Steve Nawrocki began the meeting at 3:58 pm.

2. **Education Committee Report**
The education committee had not met prior to this meeting.

3. **Policy Committee Report**
The policy committee met and discussed their role as advisors for the City, clarifying that their goal is to support/inform City officials as they set priorities and make local decisions. Some low-hanging fruit the City should consider is to electrify the fleet, incentivize low income households to use renewable energy, and make sure all new buildings such as the Transit Station on Erie will be built as net-zero buildings. This committee also thinks the City should work with BHE and others to be “off takers” of solar gardens. Suggested the group as a whole familiarize themselves with the County Energy Plan. The City/County is in the process of a building a new City Plan and has opportunity right now to comment on the plan and be sure energy is considered.

4. **Reducing Consumption Committee Report**
Ken reviewed the minutes submitted to the commission and highlighted key areas such as identifying the need to increase education of existing programs to residents.

5. **Roundtable Discussion**
Steve encouraged the group to attend the PUC meeting on 10/28 at 4 pm regarding the

Xcel Energy ERP. The Commission doesn't have an "opinion" as a whole, but individuals are welcome to comment. The County has filed testimony to add a nuclear powerplant to the Comanche site and changed their County resolution to says "clean" energy instead of "renewable" energy in order to allow for nuclear. They've also hired an energy attorney, Frances Koncilja. The motivation for this seems to be financial as Comanche is a large part of their tax base.

Discussion about Pueblo adopting something similar to the "Electrify California" model. The group thinks that Pueblo should adopt international building codes. There is understandable resistance to this by builders due to higher costs, however, if the designs were inclusive from the beginning, there would not be as much onus on the builder. They also recoup extra expense in the sales price, and in turn, the buyer recoups their extra expense in the monthly utility bills.

Monica updated the group about the e-cycle program, which is a 2-year study that gave e-bikes to appx 50 low-income applicants.

The Commission will have time at the City Council Work Session on Monday, December 20, 2021 to present updates and give recommendations.

The Commission should consider recommending an energy audit for all City buildings and a solar garden on rooftops where appropriate. The Johnson Controls audit in 2010 was highly effective.

6. Suggestions for next meeting, Chair Steve Nawrocki

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 4 pm.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.