



Pueblo Energy Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 2 | 4 – 5:15 PM
Via Zoom

Attendance					
✓	Larry Atencio	✓	Martin Adams		John Vigil
✓	Laura Getts	✓	Kenneth Danti		Monica Younger
✓	Adam Haman		Gregory George	✓	Scott Hobson, Staff
	Allison Kipple	✓	Edgie Walrath, Vice Chair	✓	Alyssa Parga, Staff
	Joshua Montelongo	✓	Joe Waneka	✓	Nicholas Gradisar, Mayor
✓	Tyler Surat	✓	Steve Nawrocki, Chair		OTHER:
				✓	George Samaris
				✓	John Lewis

1. Call to Order & Updates

Alyssa welcomed the group and notified them of Steve’s absence. Edgie began facilitation as Vice Chair. Edgie said he took over the Policy subcommittee and asked them for their goals. He recommended every subcommittee do the same and send out an executive summary of the meeting to Steve and Alyssa. The Policy subcommittee report is attached to these minutes.

2. Review of Regional Comprehensive Plan

Scott narrated the [document](#) sent to the group previously. The 2022 plan gives much more attention to renewable energy than the previous plan. The County has already approved the plan, but the City continued approval of the Comprehensive Plan until March 28, so there is a window right now to make suggestions for changes. Scott welcomed feedback from the group.

3. Committee Reports

Reducing Consumption Subcommittee

Ken gave an update from the Reducing Consumption committee; the RC subcommittee report is attached to these minutes.

The city is planning to build several new fire stations. The group would like to see these built to net zero standards with battery backup systems. These new fire stations should use best practices for building that can be used as models for new commercial buildings. Concerns about the cost prohibitive nature of these requirements were brought up by Adam. Larry like the idea of building LEED certified now rather than paying for retrofit

later. Mayor Gradisar gave approval to add this as an option on the RFPs and will talk to Chief Huber about it.

Discussion arose about types of water heaters and pumps. Laura offered to present on this at another meeting if the group is interested.

Education Subcommittee

Tyler gave an update from the Education committee. This committee is experiencing some absenteeism and would welcome new members. Education starts at the consumer level and requires marketing and awareness of resources.

Cit of Pueblo is the only place in Southern Colorado that has a tax on renewable parts and pieces. Suggested that education and policy committees work together to relieve this tax. Would like to work together with City's marketing efforts to make citizens aware of rebates and tax relief programs. The state level exempts this although the city level does not.

4. Roundtable Discussion (20 mins)

a. Federal Funding for NEVI, Scott H.

A document was sent to the commission about this. Scott will plan to present on this at the next meeting.

b. County EV Readiness Plan, Laura G.

Laura shared this [document](#) with the group and reviewed the items of importance (pg. 12 – vision, pgs. 83-86 – recommendations). Many entities were involved in the creation of this plan. Although it was designed for the County, the City can adopt some of the strategic recommendations. Laura also shared this [site](#) from BHE with the group.

c. Alyssa reminded the group that they received a regulatory filing report from John Vigil for their review.

5. Suggestions for next meeting

Larry would like to invite Devon Miller from Black Hills Energy to present to the group and will work with Alyssa and Steve to schedule this.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 16 @ 4 pm.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.