



Pueblo Energy Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5 | 4 – 5:15 PM

Hybrid – Zoom and Mayor’s Office

Video available here: <https://www.pueblo.us/2699/Pueblo-Energy-Advisory-Commission>

Attendance					
	Larry Atencio	✓	Alan Ward	✓	Alyssa Parga, Staff
✓	David Lucas	✓	Edgie Walrath	✓	Andrew Hayes, Staff
✓	Laura Getts	✓	Kenneth Danti		OTHER GUESTS:
	John Vigil	✓	Edgie Walrath		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Corlett • Laura Solano • Luann Martinez • Daneya Esgar • Patti Olenick
	Tyler Surat	✓	Steve Nawrocki		

1. Call to Order & Updates, Chair Steve Nawrocki at 4:03 pm
2. Updates, Laura Solano
 - a. Laura introduced Luann Martinez, Grant and Resource Development Administrator for City of Pueblo, and they discussed the different grants on their radar related to energy, including the EV Readiness planning grant due later in April, Charging and Fueling Infrastructure due in May, and the DOE’s Building Up program. Laura shared that she and the Mayor will be sharing what priorities the City identified for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) funding of \$160,000.
 - b. Policy Committee will be helping with subject matter expertise for the grants.
 - c. Laura introduced Daneya Esgar, Director of Just Transitions, to the group.
3. Chair Steve Nawrocki reminded the group that many people’s terms are ending in June and asked them to reapply to be considered for renewal. He also shared that he will be stepping down as Chair in June.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Energy Outreach Chair, Laura Getts, gave an update that they’re working with the City PIO for campaign for the public, ideas vary from identifying legitimate solar vendors to taking advantage of IRS rebates.
 - b. Energy Policy Chair, Ken Danti, discussed the new Fire Station designs and asked for clarification from Andrew Hayes, Public Works Director. The group discussed the benefits of having a Net Zero construction policy for the City of Pueblo.
 - c. Municipal Energy Use & Generation for Infrastructure/Operations Co-Chair, Edgie Walrath, shared an update from BHE about a commercial rebate. He also asked for access to City buildings to do their own observations. Further discussion from the group revolved around energy audits and Patti with BHE said

she'd share past reports from City buildings showing energy usage and recommendations. She reported that BHE is already working with Andrew and the City team to do a strategic energy management cohort, along with the County.

Edgie asked Joe Waneka if their committee could come to PCC to hear about their projects.

Laura Getts shared that ASHRAE-level energy assessments for commercial buildings, and the development of a local ASHRAE-level energy auditing workforce, is one of the top needs in our community. Anytime we can go after funding to assist with this, we absolutely should. These are our larger commercial entities that will be required to pursue upgrades to comply with Energy Use Intensity (EUI) standards: <https://maps.touchstoneiq.com/colorado/>

5. Steve Nawrocki and Alan Ward introduced a guest speaker who will be at the May meeting - Christine King of the Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear at the Idaho National Laboratory. The group discussed declining the request for the commission to take a position and put forward an ordinance relating to nuclear energy.
6. The group discussed making a group email address to share information between meetings.
7. Adjourned at 5:20 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 3 at 4 – 5:15 pm

Chat Log from Zoom:

00:53:26 Tom Corlett: Thanks Daneya. Can't think of a better person to be in this [position.
00:55:04 Alyssa, Mayor's Office: Online application: <https://www.pueblo.us/FormCenter/City-Administration-7/Boards-Commissions-Application-96>
00:57:41 Patti Olenick: My pleasure!
01:09:22 Laura Getts: RE Policy Committee - we have been continuing to look at language about all new City construction meeting a net zero standard (unless unreasonable cost and technology availability or other goal conflict, still to be defined).
01:17:40 Laura Getts: When an EPC audit is completed, they include BHE and Xcel rebates in the pro forma.
01:21:13 Laura Getts: As an aside: Thinking outside of City facilities, ASHRAE-level energy assessments for commercial buildings, and the development of a local ASHRAE-level energy auditing workforce, is one of the top needs in our community. Anytime we can go after funding to assist with this, we absolutely should. These are our larger commercial entities that will be required to pursue upgrades to comply with Energy Use Intensity (EUI) standards: <https://maps.touchstoneiq.com/colorado/>
01:23:46 Tom Corlett: Very much agree with Laura Getts suggestion on ASHRAE Energy auditing.

01:30:16 Laura Getts: Thank you for your leadership, Steve.

01:40:32 Patti Olenick: Folks, I need to leave, thanks for all you do and good talking with you. Patti

01:44:29 Tom Corlett: I will bring a statement from the Colorado Renewable Energy Society Policy Committee regarding their thoughts on nuclear fusion for Colorado.

01:45:02 Tom Corlett: Sorry fission

01:45:36 Laura Getts: Can I just quickly mention a few very time sensitive opportunities that I want to request that the City review, if they are not aware of them?

01:47:00 Alyssa, Mayor's Office: Hi Laura, Yes, I'll make sure you're recognized next. Also, Luann Martinez's email is lmartinez@pueblo.us

01:47:00 Laura Getts: Also, happy to serve as a "subject matter expert" on any applications as needed, depending upon what kind of process she would like to pursue for developing projects and applications.

01:47:20 Alyssa, Mayor's Office: I'll let Luann know of your offer of expertise!

01:47:26 Laura Getts: Thank you, I'll reach out to her as well!

01:54:34 Tom Corlett: Thank you for allowing me to join. Must jump off now