



Pueblo Energy Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6 | 4 – 5:30 PM

Hybrid – Zoom and Public Works

Video available here:

Attendance					
	Larry Atencio	✓	Alan Ward	✓	George Andrews, Staff
✓	Tom Corlett	✓	Edgie Walrath		
✓	Laura Getts	✓	Kenneth Danti		
	John Vigil	✓	Steve Nawrocki		
	Tyler Surat	✓	Thea Rodriguez		

1. Call to Order Chair Kenneth Danti at 4:00 pm
 - All who attended gave quick introductions including the newest Commission Member, Thea Rodriguez

2. Chair Kenneth Danti called to approve the previous meeting’s minutes and the consent agenda. Steve Nawrocki moved to approve the minutes and items presented. Tom Corlett seconded the motion. The minutes and consent agenda passed unanimously.

3. Committee Reports
 - Energy Efficiency Committee
 - I. Edgie and Alan met with Black Hills Energy to discuss Solar Garden contracts and expressed displeasure with the length of 20-year contracts, suggested negotiating 1-year contracts with option to renew. Ken discussed the need for the City to own renewable energy production infrastructure.
 - Policy Committee
 - II. Alan discussed the LEAP program and recommended the City apply before the deadline of 12/14. The County is LEED Certified but the City is not. The need for better collaboration with the City’s Energy Efficiency Coordinator, and the need for a Strategic Planning Session, better Commission collaboration for forward-looking grants.

4. Regular Agenda
 - Discussed Strategic Planning Session to outline goals of the Commission, will be different meeting than regular Commission meeting.
 - Possibility of time change to accommodate scheduling. The need for the City and County to better streamline energy efforts.

- Ken called for a motion to approve the EAC Bylaws. Tom moved to approve. Alan seconded. The bylaws passed unanimously.
- Alan moved to approve the letter of recommendation request for the GEGP grant. Steve seconded. The motion to approve the letter of recommendation request passed unanimously. Laura shared the National Weather Service Building by the Pueblo Airport has a successful geothermal project deployment.
- George shared grant updates regarding EV Readiness Plan, CAE full application request, PBEG application submitted and stakeholder meetings occurring the week of 12/12 Drive Clean Colorado Southern Colorado Advisory Committee Meeting 12/11, BEH Q4 call 12/12 and West Side Neighborhood Committee 12/12.
- George worked with the IT Department to create Energy Efficiency Resources Webpage and is live on Pueblo.us. Edgie requested George to follow City Council Energy related presentations or workshops and update the Commissioners when taking place.
- Community Choice Energy in Colorado legislation unlikely in 2024, but possibly in 2025. The EAC should be aware of this legislation.
- Energy Performance Contracts are a tool for comprehensive energy audits and investment payoff. Tom shared incorporating Building Benchmarking Colorado is a great place to start identifying the worse performing buildings. Alan shared his experience with considering EPC for the Board of Waterworks, but no action was taken due to staff capacity, risk of paying for audit and no investment project. Edgie discussed a letter to the mayor outlining the steps the City should pursue regarding EPC.

Adjourned at 5:40 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, Jan 3rd at 4 – 5:30 pm

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