



Pueblo Energy Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024, | 4 – 5:30 PM

Hybrid – Zoom and Public Works

Attendance

✓	Tom Corlett	✓	Edgie Walrath	✓	George Andrews, Staff
✓	Ken Danti	✓	Mike Wakefield	✓	Laura Solano, Staff
✓	Dylan Goodman	✓	Reece Albrecht, Guest	✓	
✓	Laura Getts	✓	Michael Briscoe, Guest		
✓	Steve Nawrocki	✓	Iris Clark, Guest		
✓	Thea Rodriguez	✓	Grace Rink, Guest		
✓	Tyler Surat	✓	Jim Tomsic, Guest		Larry Atencio
✓	John Vigil	✓	Bill Townend, Guest		Joe Latino
✓	Alan Ward				

1. Call to Order, Chair Ken Danti at 4:00 pm
 - New Commissioners and Guests gave introductions.

2. Chair Ken Danti called for a motion to approve the previous meeting’s minutes and consent agenda. Alan made the motion to approve the minutes and consent agenda. Steve seconded the motion. The minutes and consent agenda passed unanimously.

3. Committee Reports
 - Policy Committee, Alan Ward – drafting a written response to PIESAC’s recommendation. Renewables and batteries are cheapest and fastest way to decarbonize. Nuclear energy is not considered renewable. Desired to engaged to in strategic plan. Ken
 - Energy Efficiency, Edgie Walrath – exploring community solar garden and decarbonizing buildings. Shared concerns about the state of Colorado approving transporting nuclear fuel throughout I-25 corridor.

4. George gave updates on behalf of the City of Pueblo.
 - The City received notice of funding for CAE E-Bike grant.
 - The City has awarded EV Readiness plan contract to vendor, kick off meeting is next.

- City's ChargePoint data: Energy usage from December – January accounting for public use. Unique Drivers, Charging Sessions, utilization trending upward month over month. Average Charging Length – 3h 22min charging, 4h 2min idle. Past 30 days dispensed 4.8 MWh, estimated 12 cents per KWh totaling \$576 energy cost to City. EV Charging has helped remove 15,131 kg of Greenhouse Gas over the lifetime of the account. City ChargePoint Chargers are free to use for public charging until September 30, 2024.
- Laura Getts asked via chat about Vehicle Exchange Colorado Program data for Pueblo and Xcel to present their Clean Heat Plan, sharing a 10% increase in gas rates.
- Public Works is working on an ordinance to limit idling and non-electric vehicles parking in charger locations.
- The City will work on [Pueblo Renewable Energy Transition \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com) webpage to update as more renewable energy comes online.
- The City has received interest in partnering with a contractor on the CF&I grant to develop EV charging infrastructure.
- Commissioners recapped tour of water reclamation plant two weeks ago. Considering energy recovery and efficiency projects. Sustainability study was conducted and will be shared once available.
- Black Hills still offers energy audit programs for commercial and residential
- Key Dates shared- Feb 12th PIESAC presents to City Council Work Session, also Feb 12th is first ordinance reading to allocate funds for EPC IGAs. Feb 20th New Day Hydrogen Event at CSUP from 2-4pm, Feb 23rd meeting scheduled with Mayor Graham.

5. Regular Agenda

The Commission invited Grace Rink to share her experiences with the City of Denver and for additional insight for Pueblo. She supported EPC initiatives and shared the resources at the Colorado Energy Office. Grace shared the need for Pueblo to have an action plan, and follow the sources of funding at the state level. CDPHE will fund recycling programs beginning in 2025, another reason to have an actionable plan. Discussed that Pueblo has limited plastic recycling. Discussed low-income programs for rebates and challenges for those structures.

Tom shared his experience in strategic planning and shared notes about the process. Establishing the cycle of goals, desired outcomes, strategies, measures & targets, and results. There needs to be a mission statement, SWOT analysis, better promotion of renewables to solve energy issues in our community, and measurement and verification processes. Better collaboration between City and County energy managers, building departments. Mike Wakefield shared the necessity to outline goals and objectives in a collaborative document. Alan shared the need to convince people on achieving shared goals for renewable energy adoption.

- Adjourned at 5:35 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, March.6th at 4 – 5:30 pm

Zoom Chat Log

00:41:11 Public Works: Pueblo Renewable Energy Transition (arcgis.com)

00:41:46 Laura: Can we get data from the CEO regarding how many people from Pueblo-related zip codes have taken advantage of the Vehicle Exchange Colorado Program?

00:44:11 Laura: Can we also have Xcel present on their new “Clean Heat Plan” and which direct benefits the City and its residents can benefit from? They have also announced a 10% increase in gas rates.

00:56:33 Laura Solano She/Her, Pueblo, CO/USA: Thank you for allowing me to attend today. Thank you for your expertise in serving on this Committee. I have to jump off the meeting now.

01:01:30 Tom Corlett: Agree with Laura about Xcel Clean Heat Plan presentation.

01:21:42 Grace Rink, she/her: Thanks for the invitation! You can reach me at grace.rink@aecom.com

01:32:08 Iris Clark: Iris Clark iclark591@comcast.net. FYI: I can see the slides but email version would be appreciated.

01:43:52 Michael Briscoe: Thanks!