



Pueblo Energy Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, | 4 – 5:30 PM

Hybrid – Zoom and Public Works

Attendance

✓	Michael Briscoe	✓	Anthony Vigil	✓	George Andrews, Staff
✓	Tom Corlett	✓	John Vigil	✓	Andrew Hayes, Staff
✓	Ken Danti, Chair	✓	Alan Ward	✓	Georgia Betty, Guest
✓	Nicole Ferguson	✓	Edgie Walrath	✓	Iris Clark, Guest
✓	Dylan Goodman	✓	Mike Wakefield	✓	Julie Rodriguez, Guest
✓	Patti Olenick	✓	Charles Hernandez, City Councilperson		Laura Getts
✓	Tyler Surat				Thea Rodriguez

Call to Order, Chair Ken Danti at 4:02 pm

Ken stated current EAC mission and called for a motion to approve the previous meeting’s minutes and consent agenda. Nicole made the motion to approve the minutes and consent agenda. Dylan seconded the motion. The minutes and consent agenda passed unanimously.

1. Committee Reports

No Committee Reports. Commission recapped Carbon Management Workshop from previous night at PCC. Real application of carbon capture to be implemented in carbon intensive manufacturing. John shared that Carbon America is looking at Northeast Pueblo – Teller County for a carbon sequestration project location. Ken and Charles discussed the impact on Pueblo as a dumping ground and seismic activity. Edgie shared the earthquakes occurred in Trinidad due to drilling underground.

2. George gave updates on behalf of the City of Pueblo.

Updated the current state of Energy Performance Contracting and buildings slated for investment grade audit. The City does not have energy management software, but Public Works is meeting with Brightly Energy on Monday to review proposal for their Energy Manager software. Charles shared during his time at City finance, he conducted audits on buildings that were underutilized. Alan asked if the Water Reclamation Facility is considering EPC for their financing of improvement projects. April 13th from 1-3PM at Main street garage is Drive Clean Colorado EV Ride and Drive event for those interested in test driving an EV. Pueblo Police will provide one of their Mach-Es on site and is working gathering electrification data to share. Tyler shared his fleet has Ford Lightnings and electric

Transit Vans to and at the event. Ken advocated for reviewing data about = use case of EVs vs internal combustion engines.

Dylan shared on behalf of the MPO June is Bike Month and the City is planning several events. Dylan advocated for considering multimodal transportation, energy efficient land use, and impact of heavier vehicles on road and environmental conditions. Mike shared a report that EVs are heavier in class, and generate more particulate matter. Alan commented that owning a car is inefficient and good transportation relies on multi-transportation options. Edgie, Chuck, and Mike commented on the increased economies of scale as EVs are more adopted

3. **Regular Agenda**

George introduced the newest Commissioners – Patti Olenick , Account Manager, Michaels Energy and Anthony Vigil, Environmental Health Safety Office from Pueblo School District 60 – and they gave introductions. Anthony shared his increased energy role at the school district and commented buildings have shuttered due to energy issues.

Strategy Discussion

George introduced Georgia, one of Mike's students who has been working on the Energy Commission strategy analysis. Mike shared the students will present their findings May 6th at 4:45PM at the Hasan School of Business room 110 at CSUP. The deliverables include situational analysis of macro and micro perspectives, and cost analysis with discounted cash flow and net present value, and recommendations for future strategies. Charles recommended the students review PIESAC report and shared in his experience that technical and political policies shape the path forward. Edgie advocated for pursuing technologies that are available today. Ken asked how to lower demand for buildings and Mike shared one student who is working at Trane and will incorporating information about heat pumps and building controls. Charles asked about accomplishments of the Commission, and urged the group to spend time wisely. Alan shared his experience annually reporting to city Council. The group discussed inviting the Mayor to hear her expectations.

Utility Discussion

The group discussed the process of Black Hills filing their ERP with the PUC and how the public can monitor and intervene if necessary. Andrew shared the City is following and has intervened in previous Black Hills filings. John will share the 120 Day Report to the Commission at the next meeting, which outlines resource acquisition and preferred portfolio. To define PUC intervention, it is the process of the utility companies filing their plans with the PUC and establishing a docket and public can comment for the record or provide technical analysis. Charles shared that technical expert testimony is fully discoverable and is a tremendous amount of effort and money, and the public can review the PUC website for past filings. Alan suggested a PUC subcommittee to keep track of issues and pass along recommendations, and Edgie suggested incorporating franchise agreement to that subcommittee.

Open Discussion

Iris asked about the risk mitigation plan when considering nuclear. PISEAC is seeking to present at an EAC meeting. Charles asked if there are exclusions for presentation within the bylaws. Economics doesn't make sense for nuclear currently. Edgie shared the possibility of SMR units being prefabricated offsite and not providing the jobs that are proposed. Mike shared the big issue is jobs. Tom shared the EAC offered to be part of PIESAC, but they refused , and the nuclear project has not been priced out and can't really determine the taxes and jobs benefits. Georgia echoed the desire for the community to come together on this issue. Nicole asked what her purpose was of listening to PIESAC and what recommendations she would make. The group understands the divisiveness of the

issue. Alan questioned how the current EAC mission relates to nuclear power as the City and County have different energy resolutions. Mike echoed the Mayor may work the EAC to change the mission. Nicole suggested hearing from other groups regarding nuclear power. Andrew gave update on the New Day Hydrogen fueling station project development. Mike shared CSU is researching hydraulics as energy transfer. Andrew suggested inviting the Mayor to an EAC meeting to discuss new priorities and reviewing the 2017 renewable energy resolution.

Zoom Chat

00:48:28 Tom Corlett: Sorry folks, My video and voice isn't working. I can hear all, just can't use mike and video
00:53:46 Tom Corlett: O.K. back on
01:03:08 Tyler Surat: Please excuse my early departure I have another meeting to attend.
01:48:42 Iris Clark: Thank you for the great info and discussion.