Members Present:  
Dr. Eric Betterton  
Mr. Jeff Yockey  
Dr. Paloma Beamer  
Mr. Tom Ellis  
Ms. Leslie Katz  
Mr. Garth Bowers  
Ms. Leah Proffitt  

Members Absent:  
Ms. Kylie Walzak  
Mr. John Kozma  

Others Present:  
Ursula Nelson, Director, PDEQ  
Richard Grimaldi, Deputy Director for EQ Div.  
Beth Gorman, Sr. Program Manager, PDEQ  
Karen Wilhelmsen, Program Manager, PDEQ  
Vicki Bennie, Council Secretary, PDEQ  
Ben Buehler-Garcia  
Suzanne Cotty, PAG  

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS  
Dr. Betterton called the meeting to order and introductions were made.  

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018  
Mr. Bowers nominated Dr. Betterton for Chair, seconded by Ms. Katz. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Ms. Proffitt nominated Jeff Yockey for Vice-chair, seconded by Mr. Bowers. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.  

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
The pledge of allegiance to the United States of America was recited.  

IV. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 MINUTES  
A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Katz, to pass the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.  

V. EMISSION INVENTORY PRESENTATION  
Sarah Reitmeyer, Program Manager for PDEQ, talked about emission inventory activities. Her presentation is at the link below:  

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VI. **TUCSON CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL**

Tom Ellis, Executive Director of Tucson Clean and Beautiful, distributed copies of the annual report for 2017. The report provides the following information:

- Over 7,000 volunteers donated 30,883 hours to improve the environment;
- Five hundred forty-eight new trees shaded 29 schools’
- Over 3,000 school children participated in hands-on environmental learning. One hundred at-risk youth were empowered;
- Six thousand, five hundred pounds of electronic waste was collected and repurposed;
- Three hundred twenty-seven public sites were adopted and cleaned;
- Fifty-two adults gained employability skills;
- Fifty-two hands-on training workshops;
- Three thousand nine hundred sixty-five trees were planted in 2017;
- Thirty-six neighborhoods and 29 homeowners associations were impacted;
- Three thousand one hundred ninety recycling questions were answered;

Financial information was provided in the report as well.

For additional information about Tucson Clean and Beautiful, please visit their website at: [https://tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org](https://tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org)

VII. **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Nelson provided the following information:

- Tucson Electric Power is proposing a major modification to their existing air quality permit. They are replacing two 1950’s era steam units with ten natural gas fired combustion engines. Staff is hosting an open house on February 9 to receive public comments. Information is available on the PDEQ website. The final permit is expected to be issued in April.
- There has been a reorganization within the EQ Division. Enforcement for code violations was transferred from Development Services to PDEQ. Plan review functions performed in PDEQ and RWRD were consolidated in Development Services.

VIII. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public. There will be a celebration for work completed on the Loop on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

IX. **NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting will be on March 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room. March agenda items include:

Report on Complete Streets – Kylie Walzak, Living Streets Alliance and EQAC

Future agenda items:

- VOC Research – Dr. Paloma Beamer
- Climate change-more green infrastructure-county owned facilities
- GI/LID + Trees – Marie Light, PDEQ

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Garth Bowers and seconded by Jeff Yockey to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.