



## PIMA COUNTY

### PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 700

Tucson, AZ 85701

Summary Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2018

Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> floor

33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ

2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Eric Betterton  
Ms. Kylie Walzak  
Mr. Jeff Yockey  
Dr. Paloma Beamer  
Mr. Tom Ellis  
Ms. Leslie Katz  
Mr. Garth Bowers

Members Absent:

Ms. Leah Proffitt  
Mr. John Kozma

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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, SAHBA  
Suzanne Cotty, PAG  
Colleen Crowninshield, Clean Cities

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Betterton called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance to the United States of America was recited.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2018 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Ellis, to pass the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. TUGO BIKE SHARE PROGRAM**

Mr. Nick Grzebienik, General Manager of Shift Transit, brought a bike to the meeting so members could see what they look like. He talked about the Tugo Bike Share Program which was launched in the Tucson area on November 17, 2017. There are 330 bikes, 36 docking stations and the program has had 11,486 rides.

The rates are:

One day pass - \$8.00 (30 minutes limit)

Each 15 minutes over 30 minutes is \$4.00

Annual pass - \$80.00

Low Income annual pass \$5.00 (use same standards as the S.N.A.P.)

An EQAC member asked if the 30 minutes limit could be extended. Mr. Grzebienik responded that this time frame was established for all Tugo Bike Share Programs across the United States. Program staff move bikes around to meet the needs of the riders and this time frame allows them to keep the system in balance and ensure that there are bikes available to more riders.

The top station is at the main gate to the U of A campus garage. This site does 3 times the business than the other Tucson locations. Peak usage days are the weekends. All bikes are equipped with a G.P.S. which allows them to track where riders have been. Mr. Grzebienik stated that they are working with several major employers and plan to expand their system.

It was suggested that staff add information about the shared bike program to the meeting emails.

#### **V. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (GI/LID) AND TREES REPORT**

Marie Light, Stormwater Manager for PDEQ, talked about green infrastructure and low impact development and trees. The Tucson area is warming with more days over 100 degrees. Green infrastructure can add value up to \$18,000 to a home's value. Ms. Light's power point is at the link below:

[18-03-22 EQAC GILID+Trees.pptx](#)

#### **VI. 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 hosting an open house on February 9 to receive public comments. Another is planned for March. The number one comment has been to emphasize renewable energy source. PDEQ does not regulate that. Staff continues to write answers to the comments received. The final permit is expected to be issued in April.
- PDEQ has been working with EPA, Region IX on a delegation agreement.
- PDEQ is recruiting for two new Environmental Analyst for the air program.

#### **VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public.

Colleen Crowninshield reported that the U.S. Forrest Service chose Regional Partnering Center to operate the Sabino Canyon shuttle system. The new service plans to transition to an all electric fleet by January 2019.

There is a pilot program for a 16 passenger shuttle bus to service Saguaro Monument East.

Ms. Walzak stated the founder of Open Streets/Cyclovia, Gil Peñalosa, will be at the Rialto Theatre at 7:00 p.m. on April 5, 2018, to speak about the program. Mr. Peñalosa is from Columbia. Cyclovia is April 8.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting will be on May 24, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room.

May agenda items include:

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

VOC Research – Dr. Paloma Beamer

Future agenda items:

“All Electric” and Clean Cities – Colleen Crowinshield

Climate change-more green infrastructure-county owned facilities

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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