Summary Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2019
Conference Room, 7th floor
33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ
2:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Dr. Eric Betterton
Mr. John Kozma
Mr. Jeff Yockey
Dr. Paloma Beamer
Ms. Kylie Walzak
Ms. Leah Proffitt

Members Absent:
Mr. Garth Bowers
Ms. Leslie Katz

Others Present:
Ursula Nelson, Director, PDEQ
Richard Grimaldi, Deputy Director for EQ Div.
David Eaker, Deputy Director for SW Div.
Vicki Muñoz, PDEQ
Kim Tham, Pima County Health Department

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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019
Ms. Beamer nominated Dr. Betterton for Chair and Mr. Yockey for Vice-Chair. Ms. Proffitt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2018 MINUTES
A motion was made by Mr. Yockey, seconded by Mr. Kozma, to pass the minutes of the November 29, 2019 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

V. “ALL ELECTRIC” AND CLEAN CITIES
Ms. Colleen Crowninshield of Pima Association of Governments (PAG) provided an overview of Clean Cities and information about the “all electric” project.
The Clean Cities Coalition is currently in the process of being re-designated by the Department of Energy (DOE) (done every three years). The coalition signed a cooperative agreement with the Department of Energy which had to be modified because there will no longer be a full time coordinator. The Coalition’s area of responsibility extends beyond Pima County to Navajo/Apache Counties to Santa Cruz County.

The Coalition did see a significant increase in alternate usage and a decrease in emissions last year. Ms. Crowninshield will send us those numbers as soon as they are approved by DOE. Some of the projects that they are working on now are:

- Working with the State of Arizona and the FHWA to designate corridors that will be alternative fuel ready. Specific interstates within Arizona are: I-17, I-10, I-8, I-40 and I-19. Signage will be placed advising commuters where they can get off the interstate and charge their electric vehicle or fuel their alternative fuel vehicle. Colleen will send a map with overlays of several types of alternative fuels to Vicki to distribution to EQAC.
- Nikla Motors purchased 400 acres of land in Maricopa County for a plant to build emission-free trucks and they have reached out to the Coalition for help. The Coalition is not sure yet what they need, but is appreciative that they are being asked for assistance.
- Under the new cooperative agreement, listening sessions will take place and will be recorded. They will include consumers, experts, government representatives, and universities with the DOE listening. The questions to be asked are, “what are the barriers that keeps people from using/buying alternative fuel vehicles” and “how do we overcome those barriers”?
- Reach out to electric shuttle companies to pinpoint grant opportunities to purchase electric shuttles for local, low income residents to get to their area of employment. For example, if the bus stops one mile from their place of employment, how do they get to their destination?
- Amphi Theater School District has been working on pilot project to determine the positive effect on alternative fuel school districts bus on special needs students. Some of the areas being studied are the effect of noise levels from the engines on the students. Electric school buses are quieter, which may reduce student absenteeism.
- Working on an electric tram service in Sabino Canyon. The Canyon has new gasoline trams with a speaker system where people plug in headphones to reduce the noise level in the canyon.

The EQAC thanked Ms. Crowninshield for her informative presentation.

VI. PDEQ STAFF REPORT
Ms. Nelson stated that staff is done with budget development for the proposed budget for FY19/20, and plan on the same amounts as last year.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
Dr. Betterton made a call to the public.

Ms. Walzak distributed flyers about the upcoming Cyclovia, to be held on April 7, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event has a new partner, Banner-University Medical Center. Banner-UMC is preparing to open a new, nine-story 670,000 square-foot tower in April and will host a sneak preview for the public as part of its energy-packed activity hub at the northern end of the Cyclovia Tucson route (just west of North Campbell Avenue and north of East Elm Street).
VIII. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be on May 23, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room. If you have any agenda items, would you please email Vicki at PDEQ. Currently, the agenda items include:

- Scooter Company presentation
- City DOT presentation with Focus on Environment
- Ms. Walzak will let us know if we need to contact anyone to schedule these presentations.

IX. ADJOURNMENT