



PIMA COUNTY

PIMA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

33 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 700

Tucson, AZ 85701

Summary Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2018

Conference Room, 7th floor

33 N. Stone, Tucson, AZ

2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

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
Rupesh Patel, Environmental Quality Manager, PDEQ
Suzanne Cotty, PAG
Colleen Crowninshield, Clean Cities
Nathan Lothrop, University of Arizona
Evren Sonmez, Living Streets Alliance
Gira Patel, DMAFB

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 MARCH 22, 2018 MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Proffitt, seconded by Ms. Beamer, to pass the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. MODELING HISTORIC AIR POLLUTION CONCENTRATIONS WITH LAND USE REGRESSION IN TUCSON, AZ AND COMMUNITY-LEVEL CHARACTERISTICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS OF CHILD RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES IN SOUTHERN AZ

Ms. Paloma Beamer, University of Arizona and EQAC, gave an overview of the Modeling Historic Air Pollution Concentrations with Land Use Regression Tucson. Ms. Beamer introduced the topic and turned it over to Nathan Lothrop for the presentation about their work on understanding the links between air pollution and human health with a focus on human and community impacts. His presentation is here:

[Modeling Historic Air Pollution Concentrations with Land Use Regression.pptx](#)

V. Complete Streets Overview and Gil Peñalosa Presentation

Evren Sonmez, Living Streets Alliance (LSA), gave a presentation about the complete streets work being done by Living Streets Alliance. Evren concluded by saying that they will hopefully have a complete streets policy ready for the Tucson Mayor and Council hopefully this fall. LSA has been working with the City to develop this policy. LSA is also providing some training on complete streets and there will also be a stakeholder meeting to provide more information about this topic.

[LivingStreetsAlliance 18-05-25.pdf](#)

Evren Sonmez also talked about the evening with Gil Peñalosa, founder of the international ciclovías and open streets movement. She will send us a link to the YouTube video of his presentation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4KGFwcz9Cc>

VI. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Nelson provided the following information:

1. Ina Road Landfill closure – staff reported that it may be feasible to close the Ina Road Landfill. We are evaluating the project.
2. Budget presentations went well – Richard Grimaldi and Dave Eaker presented the department budget to the Board of Supervisors at their budget hearing. The presentation went well. PDEQ's budget is essentially unchanged from previous years. At this point, there have not been reductions in EPA grants to PDEQ.
3. The Tucson Electric Power (TEP) permit is still moving forward.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Betterton made a call to the public.

Leah Proffitt reported that she has all the presentations from the recent EPAZ meeting and is happy to share them with anyone. If anyone wants a copy of the presentations, please email her at: leah.proffitt@us.af.mil.

Colleen Crowninshield stated the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is working with States and metropolitan areas to establish a network of alternative fueling infrastructure with the ultimate goal of connecting major cities and states.

VIII. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be on July 26, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the PDEQ conference room.

Agenda items include:

“All Electric” and Clean Cities – Colleen Crowninshield

Climate change-more green infrastructure-county owned facilities

IX. ADJOURNMENT