



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (ES) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ESAC)

Minutes

Approved December 10, 2015

Thursday, November 12, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Ward 6 Council Office Conference Room
3202 E. 1st St.
Tucson, AZ

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Kristin Ginter, ESAC Chairperson at 5:30 P.M.

Those present and absent were:

Present:

Yvonne Merrill	Representative, Ward 1
Ron Ewing	Representative, Ward 2
David Reed	Representative, Ward 3
Timmy Bacchus	Representative, Ward 5
Dan Uthe	Representative, Ward 6
Kristin Ginter (Chair)	Representative, City Manager's Office
Sandra Fimbres	Representative, City Manager's Office
Margot Garcia	Representative, City Manager's Office
Catherine Schladweiler	Representative, City Manager's Office
Ann Marie Wolf	Representative, City Manager's Office

Absent:

VACANT	Representative, Ward 4
VACANT	Representative, Mayor's Office
VACANT	Representative, City Manager's Office

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Quigley	Director, ES
Brittany Aldrich	Recording Secretary, ES
Blake Ashley	Assistant City Attorney

2. Call to the Audience

None

3. **Approval of Minutes for October 8, 2015**

Committee Member Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2015 as written. Committee Member Ewing seconded. Motion passed by voice vote of 10-0.

4. **Students for Sustainability Presentation**

Cole Pihl, Project Manager of Greening the Game, a partner of Students for Sustainability from the University of Arizona gave a presentation on the student programs efforts at the U of A to educate students and attendees at large sporting events. Student organizations were working together to divert items and recycle as much materials as they could at large U of A sporting events. The organization had observed growing success with the program and diversion rate.

5. **Director's Reports**

Director Quigley provided an update on the following:

- **City of South Tucson** – An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of South Tucson and the City of Tucson was being drafted for Mayor and Council approval at the December 15, 2015 Council meeting. This agreement would be for trash collection in the city limits of South Tucson. The anticipated date for the IGA to begin would be the first week of February 2016.
- **Common Ground Award** – The Metropolitan Pima Alliance selected ES and partners, U of A Compost Cats and San Xavier Cooperative Farm on the Tohono O'odham Nation, for the Common Ground Award on their collaboration on the Food Scrapes Collection and Composting Program. This award recognized community leaders, projects and events with successful collaborations for the overall benefit of the community. The department's program was awarded number eight out of twenty.
- **ES Staffing Updates** – Director Quigley provided an overview of the department's organization after the promotion of Pat L. Tapia as Deputy Director. This left a vacant Administrator position. The City currently had a hold on hiring employees from the City until a review of all City position was completed. This Administrator position would be reorganized to overlook the landfill, environmental, and engineering functions of the department.
- **Commercial Recycling Survey** – Director Quigley provided an updated on the Commercial Recycling Survey the Chamber of Commerce processed. There had been two replies to date. The survey was always sent out to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Survey results and an overview would be provided at a future meeting.

6. **Chair's Report**

No report given.

7. Subcommittee Reports, Appointments, Meeting Dates, and Assignments

- **Environmental/Engineering** – No meetings had been held since the last ESAC meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 8:00 A.M.
- **Waste Diversion, Collections, and Education** – The subcommittee meeting was held on November 4, 2015. Subcommittee Member Ginter provided an overview from the Subcommittee meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 12:00 P.M.
- **Finance** – No meetings had been held since the last ESAC meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

8. Review of Meeting Start Times

Chairperson Ginter reported on this item and decided that meeting start times would be moved to 5:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of every month.

9. MRF Update

Director Quigley provided information on this item. Director Quigley discussed the different changes to the ReCommunity contract that would increase revenue for ReCommunity.

10. New York Times Recycling Articles

Director Quigley provided information on this item. Discussion was held between Committee Members. No action was taken.

11. Arizona Daily Star “High Court Ruling Affects...” Article

Blake Ashley, Assistant City Attorney, provided background information regarding the news article. The article referred to the closed Broadway-Pantano landfill's groundwater contamination issues and dumping of toxic wastes. It was argued that the City had paid more than its fair share for the clean-up of the landfill. The City did not own or operate the landfill when the toxic waste was dumped. The issue was currently in litigation. Mr. Ashley said he did not feel the City would have any further involvement regarding the Department of Environmental Quality lawsuit.

12. Financial Update

Director Quigley provided information on this item. Discussion was held and questions were asked regarding Maintenance Services and Operating Supplies. Further discussion was held. No action taken at this time.

13. Future Agenda Items for Next Meeting (December 10, 2015)

- Debt Service Review

- Capital Improvement Program
- ESAC Annual Report
- Future City's Competition
- Commercial Recycling Survey
- Landfill Art Project

14. Call to Audience

None

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.