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## Minutes of DMAFB Alternative Energy Solutions Task Force Meeting

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Date of Meeting: November 8, 2007

The Davis Monthan Air Force Base Alternative Energy Solutions (DMAFB AES) Task Force met in regular session in the Tucson Parks and Recreation Mesquite Conference Room at 900 S. Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ, on Thursday, November 8, 2007.

### 1. ROLL CALL

Valerie Rauluk, the chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and upon roll call, those present were:

**Members present:** Art Fregoso, Sally Gestautas, Ursula Kramer, Joan Lionetti, Valerie Rauluk, Mike Toriello, Roger Watson, Mike Block, Sue Keith and Paul Huddy. Steve Anderson arrived after the call of roll.

**Members absent/excused:** Randy Smith (Absent), Glenn Schrader (Absent).

**Guests/Staff Present:** Margaret Bowman (Davis Monthan), Bob Carranza (VA Hospital), Leslie Liberti, David Schaller, Doug Crockett and Denise Kendle, (City of Tucson), Tony Novelli (Ward 5), Maximiliano Torres (Ward 4), Byron Howard (City Manager Liaison), and Mikel Chertudi (guests).

### 2. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from the October 18th meeting was made by Roger Watson and seconded by Joan Lionetti; motion passed unanimously

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

#### a. Announcements

Doug Crockett reported that a solar energy coordinator for the City has been selected and should be announced within the next week. Also, the 1st Annual Solar American Cities conference will be held in Tucson on April 14-16, 2008.

Leslie Liberti, Director of the City of Tucson's Office of Conservation & Sustainable Development (OCSD) introduced herself, as well as her newest employee, David Schaller, Assistant Director of OCSD. David was previously employed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

- b. US Center for Conflict Resolution Center Presentation: Sally Gestautas informed the Task Force that Valerie Rauluk, Ursula Kramer and herself submitted a proposal regarding a potential presentation to the Center for Conflict Resolution in response to their call for papers for a Seminar scheduled for May 24-26, 2008 in Tucson. The Center is looking for information on tools communities and organizations have created and used to help reach collaborative resolutions. The submitted proposal includes presenting the evaluation criteria and discussing what worked well, what could be improved upon, and what was learned throughout the process.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Changes to Solid Waste Management Policies/Regulations in Arizona (Sue Keith):  
Sue Keith announced that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (AZ DEQ) was conducting a Stakeholder Workshop regarding new regulations the afternoon of November 8, 2007 at the State office building located at 400 West Congress, Room 444. The AZ DEQ is willing to speak to the Task Force at a later date if the Task Force desires. At this point the AZ DEQ is gathering stakeholder feedback from around the state regarding waste management policies and regulations in an effort to attack solid waste in a comprehensive way. The rulemaking time has been extended beyond the end of December at the request of stakeholders. Per discussion among the Task Force, this item will stay on the agenda as an ongoing issue under Old Business.
- b. City Legal Opinion on Regional Waste Policies (Joan Lionetti/Chris Avery):  
Joan Lionetti reported that she spoke with Chris Avery, City Attorney regarding waste importing restrictions. She reported that per Avery, there are no restrictions on importing waste from other counties; however, there are restrictions regarding importing waste to municipal and county landfills.
- c. Land Use: Atterbury Wash Presentation (Leslie Liberti):  
Leslie Liberti from OCSD addressed the Task Force regarding the Atterbury Wash in relationship to the technologies considered in regard to the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). A map was provided to the Task Force indicating the HCP area in relation to Davis Monthan Air Force Base and leased land. Liberti indicated that the leased area is completely outside of the HCP planning area (indicated by red lines on the map provided). With respect to the HCP there are no immediate concerns in regard to the area; however, it is only part of the picture as it is a focused mechanism that deals only with certain species. Other issues Liberti said the Task Force should consider include wildlife habitat, watercourses and the Atterbury Wash. The Atterbury Wash is currently undergoing restoration work to restore the watercourse, including movement and protection of trails. Davis Monthan's leased land is immediately upstream of where restoration efforts will occur. Liberti's main concern is impacts to the Atterbury Wash watershed areas, including affects to riparian habitats. Impacts to habitat include the potential to bring in invasive species, as well as creating microclimates, and habitat fragmentation. Liberti advised that the HCP Advisory Committee could be a resource to the Task Force regarding review of the various technologies.

Mike Toriello from Davis Monthan (DM) provided a map for continued discussion of the Atterbury Wash area and DM's constraints in regard to available space on their leased land.

- d. Land Use Impacts & Additions to Criteria:  
Ursula Kramer explained the changes made to the rating criteria based on discussions from the previous meeting of the Task Force, which was held on October 25, 2007. Art Fregoso moved that the numerical evaluative rating system be removed. Mike Toriello seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion regarding merits of the numeric evaluation system, the motion to remove the numeric rating system failed by a unanimous decision.

Max Torres recommended that the Task Force concentrate more on technologies instead of focusing on land use issues.

Ursula Kramer suggested that the Criteria Working Group take another look at the criteria worksheets. Val Rauluk asked that Task Force members bring proposals to the next meeting regarding revamping the criteria evaluation sheets.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

Joan Lionetti moved that the co-chairs submit a letter to Mayor and Council regarding the Task Force extending their duration to March 31, 2007 in accordance with the 2008 Public Notice Statement that was completed at the October 25, 2007 Task Force meeting. Sally Gestautas seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 11-0.

**6. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE:**

No one spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.