

ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2015

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| A | CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Walker called to order the duly posted Environmental Projects Commission meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room. | Meeting Time & Place |
| B | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Pledge of Allegiance |
| C | ROLL CALL: Chairman Buzz Walker, Vice Chairman Joel Goode, and members LaRon Garrett, Gary Iles, Darrell Jenkins and David Daniels present. | Roll Call |
| D | STAFF PRESENT: Tanner Henry, Jake Burdick, Trevor Fleetham and Michele Maupin, Administrative Secretary | Staff Attending |
| E | OTHERS PRESENT: | Others Attending |
| F | APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
There were no minutes to approve. | Minutes |
| G | PUBLIC COMMENTS:
No public present. | Public Comments |
| H | UPDATE FROM BOARD CHAIRMAN
No minutes to update. | Chairman Report |
| I | ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION | |

1. Reason for establishment of Environmental Projects Commission.

Chairman Walker explained the reason for the establishment can be found in the packet of information provided to the Commission. The amount of three hundred twenty five thousand dollars was set aside in a Trust Fund to be used and spent by 2019. The Town of Payson (TOP) agreed to create an Environmental Projects Commission. And to invite certain parties such as American Rivers, Nature Conservancy and Sierra Club. Invitations were sent to all entities. No parties responded. The TOP met conditions of the agreement. With having no outside interest TOP can determine the size and makeup of the committee. With a lifelong partnership with Northern Gila County Sanitary District (NGCSD) in Green Valley Park. The TOP is represented on the board along with NGCSD. The Commission also needed someone with environmental exposure and experience, and someone from the community; all are represented.

2. Purpose of the Environmental Projects Commission

The purpose of the Commission is to develop per the agreement of the Federal government some projects that create, maintain or benefit riparian habitat in TOP watershed. When the agreement was written by TOP, Green Valley Park was to be given preference. Green Valley Park is a riparian environment and meets the

agreement.

3. Process for Environmental Projects selection - 6 item matrix

A project selection matrix was developed to review and see which project as far as terms and rankings, give the list to the Town Council for approval and then submit to BOA for comments and revisions.

4. Process for Environmental Projects approval

Once approved TOP would spend the money and have a trustee, and send a letter stating the monies have been spent in accordance with the agreement. Member Garrett explained there is a certain amount of procurement policy that the Town would have to follow as far as if we bid in-house or not. Making sure how the money is spent meets Town policy.

5. Process for Environmental Projects construction

Member Garrett informed there is no permit process on Town property. If federal property, yes a permit would be required. Chairman Walker informed a starting point was needed for discussion, so item number 7 was created. The Commission will note what is special about each item created, rank them and apply construction costs. Chairman Walker asked the Commission if they would like to discuss the items at this meeting or at a later time. This Commission has a very specific purpose subject in agreement with the Federal government, very focused, very pointed, very limited. Vice Chair Goode asked if there was a proposed time line as to completion of spending the allocated money. Chair Walker stated before April of 2019. Vice Chair Goode stated if there was an in-house goal set as to work through the list, a thinking list. Chair Walker stated as soon as possible. Member Garrett state it would be good to get it done this fiscal year.

6. Process for consultation with Town staff - Parks & Recreation, Water, Community Development, Building and Planning

Chair Walker discussed consulting with TOP staff, Parks & Recreation, Water Department on what they think would be good planning. TOP has a lot of talent for development of further ideas or do as much as possible in-house. He explained most of the projects can be Town staff installed.

7. Discussion of potential environmental projects:

Chair Walker asked if there were any questions about any of the projects. Vice Chair Goode questioned if some of the projects had been started, like the fish fence, shoreline protection. Member Garrett stated the design on the fish fence was done. Fish fence has been fabricated in-house with approval of Fish and Wildlife. There was discussion on the White Amur, cat tail (grass carp), and fish fence. Vice Chair Goode reiterated the ranking would determine the project that TOP would want to start with, the overall benefit for money spent. Member Garrett asked the commission if they wanted to come to a final decision on the projects list today or come back after time to review. The Commission discussed sediment traps, flora environment, and current sediment needs due to storms. They also briefly discussed the projects list. Vice Chair Goode discussed possibly creating a water feature to enhance the oxygen level to help reduce the algae. The Commission discussed the logistics of a natural water feature. Chairman Walker asked for a motion to build a water feature instead of lake side seating. Member Daniels made motion. Vice

Chair Goode second the motion. **Approved 6-0**

- A. Green Valley Park Lake #3 additional shoreline stabilization
- B. Green Valley Park Lake #3 additional fishing jetties
- C. Green Valley Park Lake #3 fish fence for White Amur weed control
- D. Green Valley Park irrigation system control improvements for water conservation and efficiency
- E. Green Valley Park lakes lakeside seating/shade structures
- F. Green Valley Park Lake #3 shoreline ramada
- G. Green Valley Park Lake #1 create typical Arizona streamside riparian flora environment (cottonwood, willow, sycamore trees)
- H. Green Valley Park Lakes #1 & #2 construct inflow sediment traps
- I. Green Valley Park re-grade north side natural area for increased site utility
- J. Other?

8. Date and Time for next meeting.

Chairman Walker asked Commission if they would like to meet again. Vice Chair Goode stated the Commission will vote on final list at next meeting, then forward list to the Council. The Commission agreed to meet on Friday August 14th at 2:00 p.m.

EPC Next Meeting

J. REQUESTS TO COMMISSION FOR THE PLACEMENT OF ITEMS ON FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS COMMISSION AGENDAS – No Discussion Permitted

EPC Agenda

The Commission will review the matrix and finalize the projects list.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Goode moved for adjournment. Member Garrett second the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Approved:



Chairman Walker

Date: 8/10/15

ATTEST:



Michele Maupin, Administrative Secretary

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Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Environmental Projects Commission of the Town of Payson held on the 6th day of August 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this 18 day of AUGUST, 2015.


Michele Maupin, Administrative Secretary

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