



City of Goodyear

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Meeting Minutes

Water Conservation Committee

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

6:00 PM

Goodyear City Hall
190 N. Litchfield Rd.
Goodyear, AZ 85338

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Columbia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Chairman Columbia, Vice Chairman Barber, Committee Member Booth, Committee Member Gilmore, Committee Member Kagan, Committee Member Kaino, Committee Member Minarik, Committee Member Moll and Committee Member Smith

Excused: 2 - Committee Member Faiello and Committee Member Teiche

Staff Present: Water Demand Advisor Ray Diaz, Water Resources Planning Advisor Gretchen Erwin and Water Resources Manager Mark Holmes

Others Present: Facilitator Teresa Makinen, and her assistant, Anne Morton

MOTION BY Committee Member Gilmore, SECONDED BY Committee Member Kagan, to EXCUSE Committee Member Teiche and Committee Member Faiello from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Chairman Columbia, Vice Chairman Barber, Committee Member Booth, Committee Member Gilmore, Committee Member Kagan, Committee Member Kaino, Committee Member Minarik, Committee Member Moll and Committee Member Smith

Excused: 2 - Committee Member Faiello and Committee Member Teiche

3. APPROVE MINUTES

- 3.1 [MINUTES](#) Approve draft minutes of the Water Conservation Committee meeting held on
[95-2017](#) November 21, 2017.

MOTION BY Committee Member Gilmore, SECONDED BY Committee Member Booth, to APPROVE the minutes from the November 21st, 2017 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Chairman Columbia, Vice Chairman Barber, Committee Member Booth, Committee Member Gilmore, Committee Member Kagan, Committee Member Kaino, Committee Member Minarik, Committee Member Moll and Committee Member Smith

Excused: 2 - Committee Member Faiello and Committee Member Teiche

4. CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

There were no questions or comments to share with the Committee.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Meeting Schedule and Administration

Facilitator Makinen stated that staff has compiled some information related to the proposed recommendations and will provide that in a presentation. From there we can determine the upcoming schedule.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Committee Discussion on Recommendation Topics and Concepts

Water Demand Advisor Diaz provided a presentation on the work done to date and the current recommendations with input from staff. He said there are a total of 18 identified recommendations and reviewed the list of recommendations, then addressed each one individually with added staff input/subsequent discussion items noted below:

1. Create a “Sub-Committee” - Pool Usage.

2. Create a “Sub-Committee” - Landscape Design Standards - Staff recommended combining Recommendations 2, 4, 6, and 10 into this recommendation. All members agreed. Committee Member Moll suggested the wording “examine and evaluate” in place of “develop and/or modify” under item 4a. He also suggested that if street design is included within this Committee, then the list of stakeholders should include a civil engineer.

3. Landscape Incentives for HOAs - Staff recommended combining Recommendations 3 and 13 since they are both related to incentive programs. All members agreed. It was suggested that within that program, a percentage of incentive awards be allotted toward individual residents since HOAs make up such a large portion of outdoor water use and could potentially use all of the incentive before individual residents could take advantage of the program.

4. City Code - Review and Update to ensure good conservation - Combined into Recommendation #2.

5. Internal City “reduction plan” for all City Departments.

6. Review Street Design Standards - Combined into Recommendation #2.

7. Customer Friendly Services to assist in water efficiency.

8. Recycle Water from hydrants - Mr. Diaz said there is technology available that would allow them to flush from one hydrant into another one through a filter. There was also some discussion regarding whether the Fire Department is charged for water they use when utilizing the hydrants for training, etc., or other departments that use water, such as sweepers and collection crews.

9. Develop a Water Conservation Financial Strategy.

10. City-wide Tree Plan - Combined into Recommendation #2.

11. AMI - Advanced Metering Infrastructure - Mr. Diaz said crews got funding this year to expand this program to a little more than 2,000 homes, with a plan to expand it system wide. There is still software; however, that would be a benefit within this recommendation that would allow residents to take better control of their water consumption. All members agreed that this was a good alteration to pursue under this recommendation.

12. Home Irrigation Check-ups.

13. Residential Outdoor Conservation Incentives - Combined into Recommendation #3.

14. Smart Irrigation Controllers - Pilot Program.

15. Education for HOAs - Staff recommended to combine Recommendations 15, 16 and 17. All members agreed.

16. Community Education/Awareness - Combined into Recommendation #15.

17. Residential Outdoor Education - Outreach - Combined into Recommendation #15.

18. Economic Development Policy - Mr. Diaz said this recommendation is from staff and is not one that was discussed previously. The recommendation is to determine the processes for new businesses coming to Goodyear to ensure that Goodyear gets at least 60% of their water usage back through reclamation. All members agreed to include this recommendation.

Facilitator Makinen then stated that the next step will be for staff to further detail these recommendations and provide the information back to the Committee by early February. That being said, the Committee agreed to cancel the January meeting, and Water Resources Manager Holmes agreed that staff would provide the information to the Committee with at least a week’s time for them to review it prior to their next meeting on February 20, 2018.

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Columbia adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mario Columbia, Chairman

Date: _____