



APPROVED 11/15/2023

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 18, 2023
Community Design Studio Nave
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251

Call to Order 5:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Ute Brady, Vice Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr; Commission Members: Tammy Bosse, Tony Coletta (virtually), Walter Cuculic (virtually), Ryan Johnson, Andrew Scheck (virtually)

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director; Tim Conner, Manager, Office of Environmental Initiatives; Gretchen Baumgardner, Scottsdale Water.

PUBLIC COMMENT: One public comment related to a possible water target in the sustainability plan.

1) Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2023

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2023, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

2) Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, reviewed the items in the agenda packet that were shared with Commissioners on October 5th and shared the current list of potential Commission recommendations for Air Quality and Water targets. She also reviewed the timeline for SEAC input on these and other sections of the plan and the written comments received from Chair Brady and Commissioner Bosse. After discussion, Commissioners took several votes on recommendations to Council, and these draft targets will be included in the draft Community Sustainability Plan that will be presented at a City Council Work Study Session on November 13, 2023.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “eliminate unhealthy air days in Scottsdale by 2030” as a target in the sustainability plan related to air pollution levels, with Commissioner Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “cut hospitalizations for pollution-related health events (per 100,000 population) in Scottsdale by 50% from 2022 levels by 2035” as a target in the

sustainability plan related to illnesses/hospitalizations, with Commissioner Johnson providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “quadruple number of publicly available charging ports from 2023 levels three years after adoption of plan; add 10x by 2030” as a target in the sustainability plan related to electric vehicle charging ports, with Commissioner Johnson providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “reduce municipal fleet fuel use by 30% from 2023 levels by 2030 & 100% by 2040” as a target in the sustainability plan related to municipal fleet fuel use, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-1. Commissioner Bosse OPPOSED the motion, with all other members present voting for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recommend the staff option of “reduce residential water use (gallons per capita per day) to 170 by 2033” as a target in the sustainability plan related to residential water use, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 5-2. Chair Brady and Commissioner Cuculic OPPOSED the motion, with all other members present voting for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend the staff option of “reduce municipal potable water use by an additional 5% from 2022 levels by 2027” as a target in the sustainability plan related to municipal water use, with Commissioner Johnson providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to modify and recommend the staff options of “reduce irrigation water use for HOA properties by 10% from 2022 levels by 2033” and “increase sewer return flow percentage by 10% by 2033 capturing indoor/outdoor efficiency for both residential and commercial customers” as targets in the sustainability plan related to commercial water use, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-1. Commissioner Cuculic OPPOSED the motion, with all other members present voting for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to recommend “reduce commercial water use by 10% from 2022 levels by 2033” as a target in the sustainability plan related to commercial water use, with Chair Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-1. Commissioner Johnson OPPOSED the motion, with all other members present voting for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion to recommend “reduce municipally sourced potable water use by golf courses by 10% from 2023 levels by 2033” as a target in the sustainability plan related to golf course water use, with Commissioner Bosse providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

3) Presentation on urban solar energy strategies

Commissioner Cuculic presented on solar strategies that could be adopted by cities to reach clean energy targets. He talked about the impact of construction codes and the feasibility (as demonstrated in California) of building net zero homes, especially if some of the upfront costs could be financed as part of the mortgage. He shared ways that codes for new residential construction could be improved in Scottsdale and that owners of existing homes could be encouraged to adopt similar technology. Mr. Cuculic also suggested encouraging installation of solar panels when a new roof or deep retrofit occurs, considering free solar permits for residential installation, and joining the

EPA Green Power Partnership. Other possible steps related to access to capital included providing direct financial incentives, creating a city-wide purchasing group for solar, and providing education for homeowners about solar financing options. Commissioners asked questions about a recent Arizona Corporation Commission vote on surplus energy payments and discussed the role of the city.

4) Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Annual Work Plan

Chair Brady will review and discuss ongoing updates to the 2023 Annual Work Plan for the Commission.

This item was deferred.

5) Staff Updates

Staff will present updates pertaining to Scottsdale sustainability initiatives for commission information only. Arizona State law prohibits the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not properly noticed on the posted agenda.

Lisa McNeilly shared that the Maricopa Association of Governments has a survey seeking input for the grant-funded regional climate action plan they are developing. Tim Conner, Environmental Policy Manager, gave an update on the Request for Statements of Qualification for the city's Shade and Tree Plan.

6) Identification of Future Agenda Items

The Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission may suggest items they wish to be placed on a future agenda. Per Arizona State law, the Commission shall not discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item suggested as a future agenda item, unless the specific item is properly noticed for Commission discussion and action.

Future meetings: Energy (October/November); Water conservation and turf (December); State weatherization program (October), Design with Nature and integrated pest management (December). Other topics: discussion on possible updates to residential building and energy codes, Environmental Achievement Recognition program, presentation on the tourism and events strategic plan, tree inventory updates, and an update on the Colorado River situation.

Lisa McNeilly shared that presenters on the state weatherization program and from the Solid Waste departments are available for the November and December meetings (respectively).

Adjournment 8:48 p.m.



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