



APPROVED 3/24/2021 (sb)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Meeting Held Remotely

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Call to Order: 5:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Anthony Coletta, (arrived at 5:45 p.m.);
Commission Members: David Abranovic, Tammy Bosse, Walter Cuculic, Ryan Johnson,
Steven Schlosser

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Manager, Anthony Floyd, and Sam Brown - the Office of Environmental Initiatives; Chris Zimmer and Amanda Willis, IT/Video Support; Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager; Erin Perreault, Planning & Development Area Director; Brian Boyle, Sustainability Intern

PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting was live streamed on Scottsdale You Tube channel to the public. Two written public comments were received and are attached. These comments were discussed in agenda item #6.

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2021:

Commissioner Schlosser made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2021; Commissioner Johnson provided a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0, with Chair Chrisman Lazarr and Commissioners Abranovic, Bosse, Cuculic, Johnson and Schlosser voting for APPROVAL.



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2. **Update and Discussion on Urban Heat Island Study:** David Hondula, ASU's Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Services (RMWSSS), presented the progress of the study of three growth areas within Scottsdale intended to mitigate the urban heat generation through tree canopy assessments and spatial configuration planning. Commissioners queried Mr. Hondula on the focus of the "pedestrian experience"; whether RMWSSS would utilize building energy modeling; and how this project would assist Scottsdale in bringing energy conservation closer to "net zero". Commissioner Schlosser advocated the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale's (Gainey Ranch) drive for sustainability, with its roof-top garden space.

No Action Taken

3. **Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding the development of the Scottsdale Sustainability Plan and the Scottsdale Sustainability Indicators Report.** Brian Boyle, Sustainability Intern, presented a detailed outline for the City to develop a viable sustainability plan. Using the Local Governments for Sustainability protocol guidance, Mr. Boyle discussed the first two of five guiding milestones (assessment, goals). These steps will lead to the choice of the type and scope of the future Scottsdale plan. Mr. Boyle presented two municipal sustainability plans as helpful templates for Scottsdale's consideration: the well-established Fort Collins, CO, and the relatively new Sedona, AZ, plans. Chair Chrisman Lazarr expressed a concern that the plan may be limited to municipal operations, and not address community-wide issues. Assistant City Manager Stockwell stated clearly that the sustainability plan will incorporate the broader community-based concerns and goals.

No Action Taken

4. **Discussion and possible Commission action regarding the integration of comments, priorities, and assignments into the Annual Work Plan.** Chair Chrisman Lazarr led the discussion with the intent of trimming the document to action items to which Commissioners had already committed. Commissioners discussed the need to keep the number of actions items manageable so the Commission's work can remain impactful. The chair will revise the Work Plan in preparation for a vote on approval at the April meeting.

No Action Taken

5. **Discussion and possible Commission recommendations regarding the Earth Day 2021 & Arbor Day planning updates.** Commissioners Bosse and Schlosser provided a recap of the City's plans-to-date to celebrate both Earth Day 2021 and Arbor Day. Activities include tree plantings in City parks, tree giveaways at the Farmers' Market, and sustainability-themed video programming through the Scottsdale YouTube Channel. Mr. Anthony Floyd will also interview Scottsdale Mayor David Ortega.

No Action Taken

6. **Discussion and possible Commission recommendations regarding the General Plan 2035 Update process.** Chair Chrisman Lazarr presented her draft letter to the Mayor and City Council with Commission recommendations for the General Plan 2035 Update. Staff provided two written public comments (attached) to the Commission from Ms. Alisa McMahon and Mr. Kevin Edwards concerning this subject. Most of the discussion centered on Mr. Edwards' recommendation for the reuse of gray water and the topic's re-instatement into the General Plan.

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to incorporate the salient points from the two public submissions (McMahon/Edwards - attached) and send the revised letter to Mayor and City Council. Commissioner Abranovic seconded the motion with Chair Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta, and Commissioners Abranovic, Bosse and Cuculic voting for approval. Commissioner Schlosser voted against approval; Commissioner Johnson abstained from the vote. The motion carried 5 - 1 for approval, with one abstention.

7. Staff Updates:

- General updates – Tim Conner
- Green Building updates - Anthony Floyd
- Sustainable Scottsdale Steering Team updates – Brent Stockwell

No Action Taken

8. Review of anticipated items for the April 2021 Commission agenda, including requests by Commission Members for items to be included on future agendas.

- Review of Turf Test Plot data and future strategy with Mr. Jody Pierce, Parks Manager
- Solid Waste Department - discussion on green waste and construction debris
- Support for International Green Construction Code and International Energy Conservation Code

Adjournment: 7:54 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS (2 ea)