



City of Scottsdale
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)
Regular Meeting
MARKED **AMENDED Agenda**

5:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Community Design Studio Nave
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251

Call to Order 5:16 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Ute Brady, Vice Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr; Commission Members: Tammy Bosse, Tony Coletta (virtually), Walter Cuculic (virtually; joined 5:51 p.m.), Ryan Johnson, Andrew Scheck

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director; Tim Conner, Manager and Sam Brown - Office of Environmental Initiatives; Erin Perreault, Planning, Economic Development & Tourism Executive Director (virtual); Dale Wiebusch and Marci Sanders, Government Relations (virtual); Cindi Eberhardt, Planning & Development Area Director; Christy Hill, Citizen Liaison (virtual)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandy Bahr, Sierra Club; two members of the public were present, and one requested to speak on Item #3A.

1) Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2023

Commissioner Scheck made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2023, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. All members present at the time voted for APPROVAL.

2) Presentation on Sustainability-Related State Legislation

Sandy Bahr, Director of the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter, will present on the current state legislative session.

No Action

3) Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan

The Commission will review, discuss, and provide input on the Community Sustainability Plan. The Commission will also consider designating at least one commissioner to represent the Commission at upcoming City Council meetings on this topic.

Commissioner Bosse made a motion for Chair Brady to represent the Commission at the March 7,

2023, City Council Work Study session, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

***3A) Sustainability Staffing**

Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr will present a review of staffing levels in other Arizona cities and provide the Commission with an overview of the annual staff budgeting cycle in Scottsdale. The Commission will discuss possible recommendations to the Mayor and City Council related to the level of sustainability staffing in the city with the aim of facilitating Sustainability Plan implementation.

Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr made a motion to recommend that the Mayor and City Council add a minimum of one additional staff to implement the sustainability plan, with Commissioner Bosse providing a Second for the motion.

Commissioner Bosse made an alternate motion to recommend that the Mayor and City Council add one additional staff to implement the sustainability plan and one staff to implement the new building codes, with Commissioner Scheck providing a Second for the motion. Commissioner Bosse WITHDREW the alternate motion.

Commissioner Bosse made another alternate motion to recommend that the Mayor and City Council add two staff to support building code implementation and two additional staff for sustainability plan implementation and integration, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-1. Chair Brady OPPOSED the amended motion, with all other members present voting for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to reconsider, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

Commissioner Bosse amended her second alternate motion to enthusiastically support adding two staff for implementation of the new building codes and recommend that in FY23-24 the Mayor and City Council add an energy manager, and one additional staff for sustainability plan implementation and integration, with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr providing a Second for the motion.

Commissioner Bosse further amended her second alternate motion to enthusiastically support adding two staff for implementation of the new building codes and recommend that in FY23-24 the Mayor and City Council add one staff person for grant management, one staff person for energy management, and one additional staff for sustainability plan implementation and integration, with Commissioner Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-1. Commissioner Johnson OPPOSED the amended second alternate motion, with all other members present voting for APPROVAL.

4) Earth and Arbor Day Planning

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, will share information on the city's plans for celebrating Earth and Arbor Days.

No Action

5) Pilot tree inventory project

Chair Brady will share information on participation in the inventory project and on the Saguaro High School student project.

No Action

6) 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.

No Action

7) Start Time for Future Meetings

Discuss and consider alternate start times for future meetings.

Chair Brady made a motion to change meeting start times to 5:30 p.m. starting in March 2023, with Commissioner Bosse providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-1. Commissioner Coletta OPPOSED the motion, with all other members voting for APPROVAL.

8) 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.

No Action

Adjournment 7:39 p.m.



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