



APPROVED 3/22/2023

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)
Regular Meeting

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 other 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, gave a presentation on the current state legislative session. The presentation included information on specific bills that have been introduced as well as about the process for the passage of bills and the impact of recent changes.

Ms. Bahr shared some of the Sierra Club's priorities and activities related to the legislature. While some bills that might be of interest to SEAC were introduced, many will likely not move forward for lack of a committee hearing. Her presentation included how to sign up for legislative alerts, to request to speak, and to watch committee hearings.

Commissioners discussed views on bills related to bans on energy benchmarking requirements, single-use plastic bans, and other measures that pre-empt local control. Ms. Bahr suggested making a list of areas of concerns and the impacts of the restrictions. Other questions were raised about non-expansion areas under the Groundwater Management Act, federal IRA funding, and electronic permitting.

Dale Wiebusch, Government Relations, offered to attend SEAC meeting in the summer (potentially May or June) to review the process for establishing the city's legislative agenda and to participate in any commission discussion.

CHAIR BRADY MOVED ITEMS NO. 4 and 5 TO BE AHEAD OF ITEMS NO. 3, AND 3A.

3) Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, shared information on the format for the February 22 Special Meeting and requested that commissioners share their detailed input/suggested text changes in advance of the meeting, so that it can be compiled and shared with all members.

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 presented information on staffing levels in other Arizona cities and on the budget cycle in Scottsdale (slides attached). Commissioners discussed the history of environmental/sustainability staffing in Scottsdale and the timing and approach to bringing the need for additional staffing to the attention of the Mayor and City Council. Alisa McMahon (public comment) suggested the need for an energy manager position.

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

No updates.

5) Pilot tree inventory project

Chair Brady shared that she is working with the student team at Saguaro High School, who are scheduled to present on their work at the March meeting.

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.

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, shared that this year is the 30th anniversary of Scottsdale's environmental commission. Tim Conner, Environmental Manager, shared an update on the heat mitigation planning work. Sam Brown, Environmental Planner, shared that the Green Team is working with departments on projects and competitions.

7) Start Time 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

Items discussed for future meetings included: reviewing a revised workplan, discussing the legislative agenda (May), green bins/composting, implementation of solar on city buildings, federal funding sources, an update on the new recycling facility, presentation on concrete aggregate replacements, and the status of the water rebate programs.

Adjournment 7:39 p.m.



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