



APPROVED 8/16/2023

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

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

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2023
Community Design Studio Nave
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251

Call to Order 5:32 P.M.

PRESENT: Chair Ute Brady, Vice Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr (arrived 5:42 p.m.); Commission Members: Tammy Bosse (virtually), Walter Cuculic, Ryan Johnson, Andrew Scheck

ABSENT: Commissioner Tony Coletta

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director; Tim Conner, Manager; Anthony Floyd (virtually) -- Office of Environmental Initiatives; Erin Perreault, Planning, Economic Development & Tourism Executive Director (virtually); Cindi Eberhardt, Planning & Development Area Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lyla Yango shared her interest in sustainability, excessive heat, and local agricultural practices and how they contribute to climate change.

1) Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2023

Commissioner Bosse raised a concern that one section of the minutes was incomplete. To allow time for development of specific text changes, she requested that this item be continued.

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to continue approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2023 until the next regular meeting on August 16, with Commissioner Cuculic providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

2) *Dynamic modeling and simulations to predict future change in urban environments (Removed at the request of staff.)**

3) Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, reviewed the presentation materials from the July 10th Council Work Study session and shared information on consensus input from councilmembers (as included in the Marked Regular and Work Study Agenda). Commissioners discussed the direction to avoid duplication with other plans, the timeline for SEAC input, and the list of sustainability indicators. Commissioner Cuculic suggested including the concept of the triple bottom line in the plan narrative, and Commissioner Bosse added the value of addressing the relationship between a

healthy economy and the environment.

Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr, who represented SEAC at the 7/10 meeting, provided feedback on that discussion. She shared that there was a variety of input by Council and an interest in making the plan simple and one that engages the public with useful strategies for residents. Chair Brady discussed a document she prepared comparing relevant goals from neighboring cities, as a tool to help commissioners envision how Scottsdale can tackle the same issues. While some plans are older, the list can provide a useful comparison for reference. Commissioner Cuculic noted that cities can control building codes as a way to address energy issues. Commissioner Bosse noted that the plan should be revisited regularly. Commissioner Scheck noted agreement with Commissioner Cuculic and that new technology can aid Scottsdale in being more aggressive in some areas. Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr noted how many of the energy goals targeted 2050, possibly relying on utility goals (which are similar), and that any aspirational goals might require consideration of other municipal generation or battery storage.

The discussion on the proposed elements of the extreme heat plan included the need to focus on more than trees, to include cost-benefits analyses, to identify roles for volunteers and non-profits, and a request for the consultant chosen for the Shade & Tree Plan to present to SEAC.

4) Scottsdale's Legislative Agenda

Chair Brady reviewed the discussion at last month's meeting and started a conversation on recommended additions to the legislative agenda. Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr suggested edits to one of the policy statements, replacing 'preservation' with 'sustainability.' Commissioner Bosse referenced a list of suggestions (included in the agenda packet), and Commissioners discussed the process for sharing these suggestions and how they can be used by government relations staff.

Commissioner Scheck made a motion to recommend that the Mayor and City Council add the two proposals discussed (and included in the agenda packet) to the 2024 State Legislative Agenda, with Commissioner Bosse providing a Second for the motion, which carried 5-1. Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr OPPOSED the motion, with all other members present voting for APPROVAL.

5) Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Annual Work Plan

Chair Brady reviewed the current draft of the work plan, noting the number of items on the agenda for August. Suggestions were made to move a presentation by the City of Mesa on solid waste to the September meeting and to explore a staff presentation about mandatory construction waste diversion for residential projects.

6) Staff Updates

Lisa McNeilly shared that the City Council recently voted to ban front and side lawns for new residential construction.

7) Identification of Future Agenda Items

In addition to items discussed under Item #5, Chair Brady suggested having a presentation on the state weatherization program in October and to add an action item discussing a recommendation to Council to add sustainability staff. Commissioner Bosse suggested a discussion on pesticides, and Commissioner Cuculic requested an agenda item to propose updates to the residential building codes.

Adjournment 7:48 p.m.



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