



APPROVED 04/20/2022 (sb)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale

Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2022

**ONE CIVIC CENTER, Community Development Conference Rooms
7447 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251**

Call to Order: 5:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Anthony Coletta; Commission Members: Tammy Bosse (arrived at 5:44 p.m.), Ute Brady, Walter Cuculic (attended electronically; left at approximately 5:55 p.m.), Ryan Johnson, Andrew Scheck

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Manager, Anthony Floyd and Sam Brown - the Office of Environmental Initiatives; Brandon McMahon, IT/Video Support; Erin Perreault, Planning & Dev. Area Director; Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director; Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT: Two members of the public were present. No public comments were received.

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2022:

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2022, with Vice Chair Coletta providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Brady, Cuculic, Johnson and Scheck voted for APPROVAL.

2. Introduction to Scottsdale's new Sustainability Director, Lisa McNeilly. Erin Perreault, Planning & Dev. Area Director introduced Ms. McNeilly and gave her an opportunity to address the Commission with her background and early expectations.

No Action

- 3. Presentation, interactive workshop, discussion, and possible Commission recommendations to staff regarding the content of the *Scottsdale Sustainability Plan*.** Mark Roseland and Bill Campbell from ASU's Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Services presented the Commission with a summary of work accomplished to date and a timeline for proposed workshops and completion of the Sustainability Plan. Chair Chrisman Lazarr expressed dissatisfaction that in two workshops with ASU the Commission has had limited substantive input into either the content or the priorities of the Plan. Assistant City Manager Brent Stockwell suggested that the Commission schedule a special meeting with the ASU representatives dedicated to an in depth working of the Plan content and priorities. Attempts by ASU to conduct a live digital survey with commission members were prevented by technical issues with the internet service provider. Commissioners agreed complete the survey after the meeting and submit it no later than March 25, 2022. Commissioners also agreed that this special meeting should be scheduled between the April 20 and May 18 SEAC meetings.

No Action

- 4. Discussion and possible Commission action concerning the letter of recognition for the Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department for their committed effort to replace fuel-powered leaf blowers with electric units as technology improves.**

Commissioner Brady made a motion to approve the letter of recognition (as drafted) with Commissioner Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Brady, Bosse, Johnson and Scheck voted for APPROVAL.

- 5. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff and/or City Council regarding the pilot tree inventory project launch for Earth Day & Arbor Day celebrations for greater Scottsdale.** Commissioners Brady thanked City staff for their support to date with this project; she then summarized the six events at which the pilot tree inventory project would be publicly introduced and tested. Commissioners Brady and Scheck are working with Library staff for an online "landing" webpage that will provide basic information used in the inventory and encourage citizen input. Commissioner Scheck is working with homeowner associations to sponsor events and provide volunteers. Chair Chrisman Lazarr is working with the City GIS group to identify tree inventory parameters for the mobile software to be tested and used by the citizen scientists. Discussions regarding an optional Earth Day/Arbor Day science-based competition in schools concluded that it would be too great of an undertaking in such a short time.

No Action

- 6. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff regarding the scope, challenges and constraints involved with converting the Scottsdale motor pool fleet from petroleum fuels to electric powered.** Mr. Stockwell provided the Commission with the basic overview of the organizational structure for procurement and maintaining all City-owned vehicles, namely that it is owned by Fleet Management, a Public Works department. Mr. Stockwell suggested that the Commission invite Dan Worth, Public Works Director, to the April 20 SEAC meeting to present the current status of budgetary and physical constraints (e.g., infrastructure), as well as a longer-term vision for the fleet.

No Action

- 7. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff regarding Energy and Green Construction Code Updates:** Staff member Anthony Floyd provided an update and overview of the latest staff-recommended amendments to the 2021 International Energy Construction Code and the 2021 International Green Construction Code for the City's building code adoption process. Commissioners requested that Mr. Floyd provide them with the full text of the amendments and a description of the objections the home builders' industry had to specific Code amendments. The Commission will evaluate the home builders' comments on "EV capable", interior trash/recycle bin space, and efficiency/power package single family home options before making a recommendation to City Council.

No Action

- 8. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff on Public Outreach Strategies for sustainability topics currently under consideration by the Commission (Annual Work Plan) or matters of environmental concern submitted to the City or Commission through public forums.** Chair Chrisman Lazarr asked each commissioner to review the Annual Work Plan (dated 12/2021) and identify items that need to be prioritized for upcoming meetings.

No Action

9. Staff Updates:

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

10. Review of anticipated items for the April 20, 2022 Commission agenda, including requests by Commission Members for items to be included on future agendas.

- Pilot tree inventory project update
- Annual Work Plan – provide Chair with sustainability topics and priorities
- Discussion on Fleet conversion to electric – invite Public Works Director to speak
- Energy and Green Construction Code updates – Mr. Floyd to provide full code amendment text and homebuilders' comments
- ASU Sustainability Plan – complete digital Survey
- Schedule additional SEAC meeting with ASU to provide stronger Commission input on Sustainability Plan scope, priorities and schedule
- General 2035 Overview by the Planning Department
- Sustainable Purchasing by ASU Professor Darnall

Adjournment: 7:44 p.m.



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