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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

**City of Scottsdale
Environmental Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting**

5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Community Design Studio

7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251

CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Anthony Coletta; Commission Members: Tammy Bosse (attended electronically), Walter Cuculic (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), Ryan Johnson, Steven Schlosser

ABSENT: Commission Member David Abranovic

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting was live streamed on Scottsdale You Tube channel to the public. No members of the public were present. One written public comment was received from Ms. Samia Salahi; six written comments were received from Mr. John Holmes. None of the comments received pertained to active agenda items.

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2021:

Commissioner Schlosser made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2021 with Vice Chair Coletta providing a Second for the motion, which carried 5-0. Chair Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse, Johnson and Schlosser voted for APPROVAL.



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2. **Update, discussion, and possible Commission recommendations to staff regarding the Energy Savings Performance Contract and city solar projects.** Ms. Lori Glover, Public Works Contract Coordinator, presented the Commission with an update on the Energy Savings Performance Contracts (vendor selection, buildings, energy audits, installations, etc.). She also summarized the North Corporation Yard bond-funded solar project. Commissioner Cuculic expressed his opposition for that type of project funding, instead of his preference for the power purchase agreement (PPA) formats with beneficial tax credits. Ms. Glover updated the Commission on the status of, and challenges confronting future electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. She also provided a list of additional planned initiatives that included energy tracking software and Energy Star certification for city buildings.

No Action

3. **Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff regarding the triennial *Sunset Review* of the Environmental Advisory Commission.**

Vice Chair Coletta made a motion to approve the attached letter to Councilwoman Littlefield (Re: *Sunset Review of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission*) with Commissioner Schlosser providing a Second for the motion which carried 6-0. Chair Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse, Cuculic, Johnson and Schlosser voted for APPROVAL.

4. **Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff and/or City Council regarding the tree canopy data collected by ASU and the potential involvement of the Public in a tree inventory for greater Scottsdale:** Chair Chrisman Lazarr presented a summary of the data provided in the ASU study report as well as efforts that neighboring cities have made to inventory their trees. The Chair proposed engaging “the public in a dialogue about trees through a citizen science effort”. Commissioner Schlosser asked how the city could coordinate such a large-scale project. Assistant City Manager Brent Stockwell suggested that the confluence of hiring a Sustainability Program Director, the development of the Sustainability Plan, the Commission’s efforts and the expressed interest from City Council Members all line up favorably to support an effective public engagement. The Chair agreed to work with Commissioner Johnson on evaluating tree canopy software options and presenting the Commission with a recommended strategy at the November meeting.

No Action

5. **Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff and/or City Council regarding market conditions and municipal constraints for recyclable construction materials.** Anthony Floyd, Senior Building Consultant, presented the Commission with a brief summary of the 2021 International Green Construction Code (IgCC) call for 50% of construction debris to be diverted from landfills. If the IgCC is adopted by City Council next year, the main challenge then becomes whether local waste management companies have the capacity to divert and recycle the volume of demolition debris. Commissioner Schlosser spoke of creating policies that drive contractors to “repurpose” or salvage construction waste on site. Commissioner Johnson spoke of the merit of “deconstruction”; i.e., dismantling material in a piece-wise fashion so that it has greater value for reuse and/or resale. Commissioner Cuculic pointed out that modular construction units produced in a factory generated far less construction debris than on-site construction. He also advocated for driving change through city building and design ordinances. Mr. Floyd attested to the inclusion of recyclable construction materials as part of the city’s Green Building Program. Commissioner Bosse advocated for the policy of “monetizing” waste - making it more expensive to landfill material.

No Action

- 6. 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 challenged the Commission to propose ways it could engage with the public schools to inform and educate them on current and emerging sustainability issues and initiatives.

No Action

7. Staff Updates:

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

No Action

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

- **Solid Waste programmatic update - including green waste and food composting options**
- **ASU Sustainability Plan Update**
- **Tree Inventory update and discussion**
- ***Tree City USA* - background and discussion**

Adjournment: 7:44 p.m.



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October XX, 2021

Re: Sunset Review of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission

Dear Mrs. Littlefield:

Thank you for your July 19, 2021 letter and opportunity to submit this supplemental information supporting the Audit Committee's sunset review of our commission. As you will see in our recent Annual Reports supplied by staff and the attached Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC) Work Plan for 2021, our commission is an active body of concerned citizens with a passion to take on the very important and timely environmental issues facing our city.

Scottsdale residents and businesses alike are understandably concerned about potential water shortages, heat island effects, and the impacts of climate change on their future. These challenges and those like them are the substance of our commission's purview and have prompted our recent recommendations to add a Sustainability Officer to city staff, champion sustainability programs in the *City of Scottsdale General Plan 2035*, and partner with Arizona State University in the development of *Identifying Strategies for Cooler Scottsdale* and a forthcoming Sustainability Plan for Scottsdale.

Although we are encouraged and excited by Council's progress in advancing sustainability in our city, we believe that there is still critical work to do. SEAC is up to the task and with your recommendation will continue to fulfill its intended purpose. Please renew our mission to help Council envision a Sustainable Scottsdale now and in the future.

If you have any questions regarding the SEAC or would like additional information to support the sunset review process, please contact either of the undersigned below.

Respectfully,

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