APPROVED 7/18/2012 (TC)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2012
Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Thomas Dwyer, Vice-Chair
Ted Luther, Board Member
Kevin Edwards, Board Member
Bill Sheaffer, Board Member
Candice Gimbel, Board Member (Telephonically)

ABSENT: Bill Gill, Chair
Floyd Marsh, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Kroy Ekblaw, Interim Planning, Neighborhoods and Transportation Administrator

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Dwyer called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

A formal roll call took place confirming the members present as stated above. Introductions were made to welcome EQAB's new Board Member, Candice Gimbel.

Public Comment

Two citizens were present, no public comment was made.

1. **Presentation of progress of acquisition of lands and construction of improvements related to Granite Mountain, Tom's Thumb and Brown's Ranch areas of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Possible discussion.** Kroy Ekblaw
   Mr. Ekblaw provided a summary of recent and future planned

acquisitions of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. He also explained control methods being planned and installed to limit off highway vehicle access. Additionally trailhead improvements are underway to provide areas for legal parking of vehicles and trailers. The board thanked Mr. Ekblaw and generally stated that they were appreciative of the efforts to preserve this asset of the community.

2. **Approval of Minutes -- Regular Meeting: May 16, 2012. Possible action.** Vice-Chair
APPROVED 5-0, Moved by Board Member Sheaffer, seconded by Board Member Edwards

3. **Administrative Report –Discussion** Tim Conner
   - Mr. Conner provided a listing from the Clerk's web page showing the three Mayoral candidates and the eleven City Council candidates.
   - Mr. Floyd introduced and discussed a recent report that detailed the benefits of the new residential and multifamily energy code.
   - Mr. Conner announced that Mr. Brown will be bringing periodic environmental regulatory updates for City operations to the Board.
   - Mr. Conner brought forward an update from the Mayor's assistant on a recycling effort in Scottsdale Ranch Park that would be a experimental collaboration of Parks and Recreation staff and Solid Waste staff. The program may be expanded depending on its success.
   - Mr. Conner brought forward an email from the Mayor's assistant from a citizen requesting that Scottsdale ban plastic shopping bags.
   - Mr. Conner announced that the Scottsdale Environmental Design Awards (SEDA) program had received 18 valid applications and that the jury was scheduled to meet on June 23, 2012.

4. **Overview of documents received from City Auditor related to the Board and Commission Audit Committee's Board and Commission Sunset Review Process scheduled for Monday September 17, 2012. Discussion and possible action.** Tim Conner, Vice-Chair and Board Members
Mr. Conner went over a listing of the various documents presented to Council or generated for public consumption for the past 3 years by EQAB. He went on to suggest that a document be drafted for presentation to the Sunset Audit Committee that went though the document list of successes, and also highlighted the currently planned work program for the coming year. A request was made to have a list

of presentations made to the board drafted. Mr. Conner agreed to pull that list together. Additionally there was discussion that the Chair and Vice-Chair draft the narrative document and check their schedules to assure that at least one of them are present at the September 17th hearing to make a presentation and answer questions. Mr. Conner informed the board that work should begin soon as the report and other documentation from the board needs to be submitted no later than close of business on September 4th.

5. **Review of the City's alt-fuel fleet and Valley of the Sun Clean Cities Coalition's efforts in submitting for a Department of Energy grant that might enhance Scottsdale's current fleet**. **Discussion and possible action.** — Board Member Sheaffer

Board Member Sheaffer presented a document that showed alternative vehicle listing and alternative fuel used by the City of Scottsdale's Fleet during 2011. He highlighted the number of gallons of alternative fuel used by type and noted that there are over 500 alternate fuel vehicles of varying types within the fleet.

6. **Discuss of progress on strategic approaches, action plans, schedules, communication methods etc… to advance the top 3 topics (listed below). Refine or revise topics as necessary, and if completed adopt draft or final plans. Discussion and possible action.** — Vice-Chair and Board Members

Water Issues – Salinity, Energy Efficiency
No members working on the water issues were present at the meeting.

Energy Issues – City Initiatives for civic facilities, Results of Community Energy Audit program
There was a request to receive and review the final report of the Residential Community Audit program when it was completed. There was also discussion of a desire to publicize all of the programs from the ARRA Stimulus EECBG program.

Green Building – Return on investment for green buildings, Case studies of green building savings for residential and commercial examples.
Board Member Edwards stated that the members working on this topic are moving more towards educating the Building Advisory Board of Appeals about the new 2012 International Building Codes as well as advocating for the new 2012 codes, specifically the International Energy Construction Code (IECC) and the voluntary International Green Construction Code (IgCC). EQAB members are planning to create

some new recommendations to amend the codes as well to adopt similar prior amendments that were adopted with the 2006 Codes. Two of the new recommendations include requiring the use water sense low flow fixtures and providing for recycling bins in residential kitchens (both single family and multi-family). This information is intended to be presented to the Building Advisory Board of Appeals during the public hearing process.

Board Member Luther also stressed that one of the City's missions should be to be still recognized as a leader in green building. There was also some discussion to recommend that the City continue to expand the recycling program especially to commercial and multifamily projects. Board Member Gimbel inquired about the behind the scenes operations of the City's recycling program and board members explained that that was under contract with the Salt River Pima Maricopa Community and took place at their land fill.

7. **Update on Green Building Lecture Series. Discussion.** — Board Member Edwards & Anthony Floyd

   Board Member Edwards stated that the last lecture of the season's series took place earlier in June and was very successful. There were approximately 65 attendees. The topic was case studies. This included presentations on the Future Cities Competition, natural materials and a green remodel done by the Edwards Design Group of a home that was burned out by a fire. Board Member Edwards stated that the volunteers for the lecture series are already scheduling the next season's programming.

8. **Board member suggestions for future agenda items** — Vice-Chair and Board Members

- Presentation from TAC water softener local dealer or rep. (Board Member Edwards will look into contacting the Watts Representative)
- Sunset Boards and Commission Audit hearing report
- Letter of recommendations for the adoption of 2012 International Codes with recommended amendments
- Desire to work with the City's "PR Group" to get energy efficiency stories in the paper

9. **Updates and reminders –** — Vice-Chair and Board Members

   Next EQAB Regular Meeting July, 18, 2012 at the Community Design Studio, 7506 E Indian School Rd., 5:30 PM

Adjournment:
With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 7:29 p.m.