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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Agenda

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 19, 2012
Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Floyd Marsh, Board Member
Bill Sheaffer, Board Member
Candice Gimbel, Board Member
Alisa McMahon, Board Member
Larry Person, Board Member

ABSENT: Thomas Dwyer, Acting Chair
Kevin Edwards, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives

Call to Order:
With the absence of an acting chair, staff liaison Tim Conner called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:42 p.m.

Roll Call:
A formal roll call took place confirming the members present as stated above

Public Comment:
None – No public present

1. **Introductions of Board members and staff** — All

2. **Election of a temporary chair for the December Meeting due to the absence of the Acting Chair. Action** — Tim Conner
   Tim Conner called for nominations of an Acting Chair from the members present. Board Member Sheaffer nominated Board Member Marsh and there was a second by Board Member Person, Motion Approved 5 – 0. Board member Marsh abstained.

3. **Approval of Minutes -- Regular Meeting: November 14, 2012. Possible action** — Chair

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APPROVED 3 – 0 - 2; Motion by Board Member Sheaffer, Second by Board Member Gimbel, Board Members Person and McMahon abstained due to their absence from that meeting.

4. **Administrative Report –Discussion** — Tim Conner
   - Tim Conner provided the board with copies of the EQAB work programs and cover memo and letter distributed to the Mayor, City Council, the City Manager, the Community and Economic Development Executive Director and the Planning, Neighborhood and Transportation Administrator.
   - Tim Conner distributed copies of the *City of Scottsdale Report to our Citizens for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.*
   - Tim Conner announced that the January 2013 EQAB meeting will be the annual business meeting including an ethics refresher, signing of the annual personal disclosure forms, election of officers and the review and approval of the Board's Annual Report.
   - Tim Conner distributed the latest list of proposed projects for the Bond 2013 program and also produced the time line for the board's information.
   - Tim Conner introduced the General Plan Visioning Town Hall application process and encouraged board members to apply for a seat in this limited public outreach program.

5. **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** — Chair and Board Members

Water Issues – Salinity, Energy Efficiency – Discussion and development of questions related to the draft water softening process study being developed by ASU for a future discussion with the City's Water Resources Engineering Director.
Board member Marsh provided an update regarding the ASU Study. Apparently the draft study is being considered complete and there will be no further opportunities to comment or make adjustments. Board member Marsh reported that Chris Hassert with Water Resources is scheduled to discuss the study findings and next steps regarding the water salinity issue. He also mentioned that he might attempt to contact Dr. Peter Fox, Principal Investigator with ASU to expand on the study.

Chris Hassert and Water Resources Executive Director Brian

Biesemeyer, plan to meet with the Mayor on the salinity issue and will mention EQAB's continuing efforts. Additionally there are plans for Template Assisted Crystallization water softener technology pilot testing at both the treatment plant scale and the residential scale.

Board Member Marsh handed out a matrix that will be used to compare 7 different water softener technologies and requested feedback from the board.

Energy Issues – City Initiatives for Civic Facilities, Discussion and possible action related to publicizing results of the Community Energy Audit Program. Also possible discussion of energy policy related issues that might be researched by the ASU Energy Policy Innovation Council (ASU-EPIC).
Board Member Sheaffer reviewed the latest draft energy issue work plan and noted that there didn't seem to be a single voice or a combined effort on energy savings efforts at the city. Also he felt there was a strong need to let the citizens know what efforts the city had taken in this area. Board Member Sheaffer went on to say the he felt that communications are still lacking and recommended that EQAB make a more assertive effort to get on future City Council agendas to provide energy efficiency effort updates. Board member Sheaffer also related a frustration regarding the press release that never moved forward from the former Energy Advisory Committee. Mr. Conner reminded board member Sheaffer that there was disagreements regarding the statistics in the press release message and that those discrepancies would need to be addressed in terms that are agreeable to Linda Butson (Facilities Management) and Dan Worth (Acting City Management) before there would be support to push through a press release. Mr. Conner went on to suggest that possibly addressing each of the activities individually would help to make the messages less complex and more easily understood.

Green Building – Discussion and possible action for 1) Reinforce and Remind City Council the position it has in the nation regarding green building, 2) Recommendations on how to maintain and improve standing as the nation's most environmentally sensitive and livable city, 3) Publicize the continuing educational benefit provided by the continuation of the monthly free Green Building Lecture Series that is now in its 13th year.
No discussion took place regarding the Green Building topic.

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6. **Colorado River Basin projected water source short fall that could affect Scottsdale's planned allocations. Discussion and Possible Action** — Board Member Person

   Board Member Person introduced a number of articles regarding a recent study about the possible short fall of water source in the Colorado River Basin and suggested that EQAB provide a proactive overview to the City Council.

   Board Member Marsh took exception to that suggestion stating that there is professional staff at the City managing the long range planning for the City's water supply. He went on to suggest that EQAB could possibly be more proactive in relation to highlighting the City's water conservation efforts. He also said that he felt that the City has a significant buffer of water supply for the long term.

   Tim Conner agreed to provide Board Member Gimbel and Marsh with Elisa Klein, the City's Water Conservation Coordinator's contact information in the case that they might want to reach out to her in the coming months.

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

   No discussion took place on this topic

8. Board member suggestions for future agenda items — Chair and Board Members
   - February 2013 Meeting - Water Resources Engineering Director, Chris Hassert, to discuss progress on water softening alternatives to reduce salinity in treated water

9. Updates and reminders – — Chair and Board Members
   - Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m. (Annual business meeting)

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.