APPROVED- 9/18/2013 (TAC)

# SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting

**5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2013**
**Community Design Studio**
**7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

**PRESENT:** Floyd Marsh, Chair
Bill Sheaffer, Vice-Chair
Candice Gimbel, Board Member
Larry Person, Board Member
Alisa McMahon, Board Member (Arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
Stephan Herman, Board Member (telephonically)

**ABSENT:** Kevin Edwards, Board Member

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

**Call to Order:**
Chair Floyd Marsh 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

**Public Comment:**
None – No public present

1. **Approval of Minutes -- Regular Meeting: June 19, 2013. Possible action** — Chair Marsh
   Motion to approve Summarized Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2013 Regular Meeting made by Vice-Chair Sheaffer, 2nd by Board Member Person; MOTION APPROVED 5 - 0

2. **Administrative Report –Discussion** — Tim Conner, Chair & Board
   - Recent and upcoming events of interest – Mr. Conner informed the board of the August 22, 2013 General Plan Community Character workshop.

3. **Chair's Report --Discussion** Chair Marsh
   - Review communications, activities and events attended including the Navajo Generating Power Station presentation at Arizona Forward meeting.
   - Attended Tech Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting regarding activities of JLS Salinity Management Study Committee. Brian Biesmeyer, City of Scottsdale Water Resources Executive Director was also in attendance. Reviewed a final draft of white paper titled AZ Salinity Source Control Management Strategy.
   - Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Innovative Water Conservation Program Call for Proposals (RFP) was passed through to Brian Biesmeyer for any interest or response while offering EQAB support.
   - Noted that the City is hosting the second annual AZ SciTech Kickoff Conference September 4. The Chair had been invited in the past to participate and registered to attend this fall for Spring program development (during February 2014).
   - Provided summarized notes and highlights from the panel discussion titled *At a Crossroads: Navajo Generating Station: What's Next* hosted by Arizona Forward. Provided a summary of Navajo Generating Station Alternative Agreement.

4. **Discussion and possible action regarding Mick Dairymple, ASU-Global Institute of Sustainability (GIOS) introducing the GIOS <u>Energy Efficiency Idea Guide</u> during Public Comment period of a future City Council Meeting with the expectation of a future Council presentation by the board based on EQAB and staff recommendations. Discussion and possible action** Anthony Floyd
   Mr. Floyd explained that he was proposing to have Mr. Dairymple introduce the <u>Energy Efficiency Idea Guide</u> to City Council during a future three-minute public comment period. He suggested that staff and or EQAB might want to examine five or six of the concepts to see if they were viable for the City. This may or may not turn into a work plan item that could return to the City Council. There was discussion about whether or not it was appropriate to have Mr. Dairymple endorsed by or authorized to speak for EQAB. It was determined that it was not. No formal action was taken, but the board did give Mr. Floyd general direction to continue with his plan and report back to the board with his progress.

5. **Discussion and possible action regarding advising the City Council of Arizona Public Service's request to the Arizona Corporation Commission to alter the current net metering policy so as to reduce the credit (value) for surplus power returned to the grid by private distributive generating photo voltaic power systems. Discussion and possible action** — Board Member McMahon

Board Member McMahon introduced the topic and provided some of the finer points of APS' s recommended changes to power payback structure (lowering the payback amount) through net metering of excess power produced by a distributive solar PV system. She referred to an e-docket filed by APS with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). She explained that staff had determined that it was outside of the code language for EQAB to send comments directly to the ACC. She noted that the Cave Creek Town Council had drafted a resolution expressing their concerns to the ACC. — Chair Marsh and Board Members

Board Member Gimbel asked how EQAB would bring this information forward to Council and expressed concern that any action taken by EQAB may take place too late.

Staff member Floyd discussed the solar lecture that had taken place with ACC Member Bitter-Smith. He noted that the process would not begin until possibly October and would run through the first of 2014.

Board Member McMahon suggested that the board might want to ask someone informed to come and discuss this topic with EQAB. Chair Marsh suggested that more specific information be provided from both perspectives of the issue. Vice-Chair Sheaffer indicated that the City of Phoenix had asked the Clean Cities Coalition what their position was, but none had been provided yet.

Board Member Person stated that he felt this action by APS is a threat to the continued success of the City's Green Building Program.

No action was taken, but the board generally agreed that additional education and possible presentations from both sides of the issues should be pursued.

6. **Discuss of progress and action on strategic approaches, action plans, schedules, communication methods, products, etc…to advance the top 3 topics/focus areas (listed below). Refine or revise topics as necessary, and adopt draft or final materials and plans as revised or completed. -- Discussion and possible action**

**<u>Water Issues</u> – Salinity Management, Water Quality, Energy Efficiency – Chair Marsh to discuss progress on water softening technologies comparisons, review staff recommendations from prior overview report, review draft white paper outline and content material and review the recent meetings of the State Joint Legislative Study Subcommittee on Water Salinity Issues - Discussion and possible action.**
Chair Marsh stated that he is still on hold waiting for the Water Resources staff to complete their recommendations. Vice-Chair asked what the basis will be for establishing the rebates for upgraded soft water system installation. Chair Marsh stated that was still being discussed.

**<u>Energy Issues</u> – Vice-Chair Sheaffer and Chair Marsh to report back to the Board regarding their successful presentation to City Council regarding the Scottsdale Fleet Management and Alternate Fuels programs. Additionally Board Member Sheaffer may provide the board with an update on the possible recognition of other City operations efforts to increase energy efficiency and environmental stewardship while respecting fiscal impacts - Discussion and possible action.**
Vice-Chair Sheaffer provided an over view of the Fleet presentation to City Council noting that it was a well received success. His next target group will be Solid Waste. He noted a Wall Street Journal article that highlighted the ICMA citing Scottsdale as one of the lowest expense per ton for solid waste collection. It was suggested that some research be done to verify updated ICMA statistics.

**Update by Board Member Gimbel on her reporting of the current and future state of programs intended to incentivize the installation of distributive solar power systems for residential, commercial, small businesses and civic facilities - Discussion.**
Board Member Gimbel stated that she had been investigating waste to energy opportunities in the Valley. She had a discussion with the Pima Landfill representatives and other programs and will be writing a summary of her findings for the group.

Regarding solar research, she would be willing to work with the board to solidify the direction the board wants to take regarding the net metering issue and would be willing to assist in setting up the presentations for both APS and the Solar Industry representatives. Chair Marsh suggested that Board Members Gimbel and McMahon work together on the solar issue, and that possibly the action plan needed to be revisited to decide if solar should be a standalone issue in the work program.

**<u>Green Building</u> – Discussion and possible action regarding the progress of the process for the comparison of the International Code Council (ICC) 700 Residential Green Building System with the possible update of the Scottsdale Residential Green Building Check list - Discussion**
Board Member McMahon stated that the Residential Green Building check list review team was on their second review of the comments and had created an implementation schedule targeting January 2014 for completion.

**Update on the 2013-2014 Green Building Lecture Series program schedule, and solicitation of Board Members to help with the promotion of the upcoming series. – Discussion and possible action**
Board Member McMahon stated that this year's Green Building Lecture Series schedule had been completed. She also gave a brief history of the problems in the recent past created by lack of publicity, and asked if there were other members willing to help out with that this year. No one volunteered during the meeting.

7. **Board members' reports, updates and suggestions for future monthly agenda items. Possible discussion** — All Board Members
    - Possible Water Resources presentation in September or October depending on date of next suggestion
    - Possible APS and/or Arizona Corporation Commission position presentation September or October
    - Board Member Stephen Hermann stated that the quality of the phone system was not adequate and he encouraged staff to look into purchasing a better system for future meetings.

8. **Updates and reminders** – — Chair and Board Members
    - Next EQAB Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Scottsdale Community Design Center located at 7506 E Indian School Rd.
    - Bill Sheaffer to send to staff for distribution dates and times of

several clean air events

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 7:47 p.m.