



APPROVED 3/19/2014 (TAC)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2014
Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Floyd Marsh, Chair (telephonically and left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.)
Bill Sheaffer, Vice-Chair
Larry Person, Board Member
Alisa McMahon, Board Member (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
Candice Gimbel, Board Member
Stephan Herman, Board Member

ABSENT: Kevin Edwards, Board Member

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

Call to Order:
Vice-Chair Bill Sheaffer called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 6:15 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: January 15, 2014 - Possible action**
Board Member Person moved to approve the *January 15, 2014 Summarize Meeting Minutes*, Board Member Gimbel provided a second to the motion; The board APPROVED *Summarized Meeting Minutes for the January 15, 2014 EQAB Regular Meeting* with a vote of 5-0.

Chair & Board
Members

- 2. Administrative Report –Discussion**

Tim Conner

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- **Updates of recent and coming events**

Mr. Conner informed the Board that the City Manager had proposed his 2014-2015 Budget to the City Council earlier in the month. That proposal included the sale of the Community Design Studio. As a result Mr. Conner explained that he would be seeking alternative meeting space for the future Board meetings beginning sometime during the next fiscal year.

3. Chair's Report

Chair

- **Meeting with Mayor 1/17/2014**

Chair Marsh stated that he had a very good meeting with the Mayor. He stated that the majority of the meeting time was spent discussing the water salinity issue that was impacting the City. The Mayor also assured the Chair that EQAB was a valued resource to the Council.

- **Salinity Report – State Legislature Committee progress update**

Chair Marsh indicated that the Technical Advisory Committee of the State Legislature Water Quality Committee had made progress and State Representative Fann was preparing to bring the latest version of the salinity report forward to the larger State Legislature Committee.

4. Progress report, review of and possible adoption of letter of gratitude to City Council and City Staff regarding the proposed acceptance of the 2012 Maricopa County PM-10 (Dust – Coarse Particulates) – 5% Reduction Plan – Discussion and possible action

Board Member
Person

Board Member Person provided a draft letter of "Congratulations and Thanks" intended to be distributed to the Mayor and Council acknowledging the work and commitment of this and past Councils regarding the recent announcement from the EPA. The EPA announced its intention to approve the Maricopa County PM-10 – 5% Plan (a regional dust control plan). This effort had taken over three decades to accomplish a positive response from the EPA and removes the recent threat of real and costly sanctions.

There was some discussion about the possible confusion created by the language in the letter of the EPA proposing to approve... and questions about the associated date. Staff members Brown and Conner pledged to insert the actual time line stated in the Federal Register if the Board felt comfortable enough with approving the intent of the letter. Staff would also obtain the Chair's signature once this refinement was complete.

Chair Marsh moved to approve the content and intent of the draft letter of gratitude, provided and presented by Board Member Person, regarding the ongoing Council support and actions to assist the other valley communities in achieving the proposed EPA acceptance of the valley's 2012 PM-10 – 5% Plan with the understanding that staff would check the dates and make any necessary grammatical changes prior to obtaining the Chair's signature and distributing the document to City Council. A second to the motion was provided by Board Member Gimbel. The motion was APPROVED 5 – 0.

5. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Board's proposed input topics and proposed communication strategy(s) regarding the 2014 General Plan process and Elements. Review of Board Member comments. Also discussion and possible action regarding a second February EQAB meeting to allow for time to provide the General Plan Task Force with EQAB input– Discussion & Possible Action**

Chair and Board Members

Vice-Chair Sheaffer lead the discussion with the Board about what the best approach might be to consolidate the numerous comments produced by the individual members.

Mr. Conner explained that he had provided three packets to work from. One packet was comprised of comments received generally during the month of January, a second packet contained more refined comments produced after the January Board meeting up to the day prior to tonight's meeting and a third packet included the four draft elements (Environmental Planning, Conservation, Energy, and Water Resources) that were posted for comments. He explained that the draft elements would be necessary to follow along with a number of the comments that provided references to the goals and policies of these documents.

After much discussion it was decided that a few overarching principles needed to be framed and that it might be best to then work down to the goal and policy detail level. There was discussion about how lengthy of a document would be successful with the Task Force and it was decided that a short big picture document would most likely be the best.

The board produced the following rough draft big picture statements that would be used to shore up additional more specific comments in

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the individual elements:

1. Since the General Plan is a forward looking document, it is important to have a long range “Vision” statement for the Sustainability Chapter and similar statements for each of the elements.
2. There should be a statement in the Sustainability chapter vision that suggests that through City Policies and practices, the goals of economic growth, environmental stewardship, and fiscal responsibility are mutually achievable.
3. Strengthen the community focused goals of the Sustainability chapter in addition to setting goals for civic operations.

Examples of number three included: Community benefits achieved from citywide energy efficiency programs in addition to energy efficiency improvements made to civic structures, or air quality improvements achieved from a citywide program in addition to a city fleet program.

The Board went on to include an introduction statement to focus in on the goals of the four elements reviewed by the board.

EQAB would like to submit the following suggestions, comments and additions to the four elements reviewed by the board:

- Environmental Planning Element:
 - Add Goal EP8- Enhance Scottsdale’s position as a global leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability
- Energy Element:
 - Add Goal E6 – Promote energy and fuel sources to help reduce the community’s dependence on fossil fuels.
 - Consider as a Water Resources or Conservation Element policy or goal to address the expansion of a wastewater reclamation system to serve customers in addition to the existing golf courses using the City’s only wastewater reclamation system.
 - Consider strengthening the Water Resources Element’s urgency for the need for concern for drought.

Due to late hour, the Vice-Chair suggested this was a good advancement, but suggested that the board resume the effort at a Special meeting to be held on the next Wednesday February 19, 2014 beginning at 5:30 at the Community Design Studio. He encouraged the board to read through all of the goals of the four

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elements with an emphasis on how well or deficient the goals were in reinforcing the three larger concepts stated in the above draft. He encouraged the members to work on this effort between meetings and submit any additional ideas to Mr. Conner.

6. Board members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items. Possible discussion

Chair and Board Members

- **Update on Green Building Residential Check List progress and upcoming Lecture Series topic**
- **Update of Solid Waste Department Recognition**

No Discussion took place for these items.

7. Updates and reminders –

Chair and Board Members

- **Possible EQAB Special Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the Community Design Studio at 5:30 p.m.**

It was determined that a special meeting on February 19th 2014 would be necessary to complete the work on Item #5 above.

Adjournment:

Chair, and Board Members

Seeing that the board was exhausted from their evening work effort and noting the lateness of the hour, the Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.