

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale Environmental Quality Advisory Board Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2014 Scottsdale Community Design Studio 7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Floyd Marsh, Chair

Kevin Edwards, Board Member Larry Person, Board Member Alisa McMahon, Board Member

Candice Gimbel, Board Member (arrived at 5:50 p.m.)

Stephan Herman, Board Member

ABSENT: Bill Sheaffer, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives

Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives

Call to Order:

Chair Floyd Marsh called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

None – No public present

1. Announcement of Call for Entries for 2014 Scottsdale Environmental Design Awards

Tom Dwyer

Former EQAB Board Member Tom Dwyer announced that the 2014 Scottsdale Environmental Design Awards (SEDA) program was underway and that the call for entries could be found on the City's web site. He encouraged board members to share this information with any public member who might be interested in nominating or submitting a project. He also informed the board of the new award category for "Legacy Projects" that is intended to recognize environmentally sensitive projects that were over 25 years old.

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2. Briefing on City Council action item to amend the City Code to allow for a Salinity Reduction Rebate program

Chair & Brian Biesemever

Scottsdale Water Resources Executive Director, Brian Biesemeyer, briefed the board on the presentation made to City Council on March 18, 2014 that laid out the state's first water softener rebate program. The City Council had approved the program formally. Mr. Biesemeyer stated that this was a first attempt to begin to address the salinity issue in reclaimed waste water. Several board members stated that they felt the program was very small and the amounts of the rebates seemed marginal. Mr. Biesemeyer answered by stating that they wanted to start small to see how the program would be received. He said he would analyze the performance of the program at the end of the first year of the two year program and if he needed would consider modifying the program in the second year. He also offered to return to the board at the end of the first year to report his findings if that were something that the board would be interested in.

Chair Marsh added that he was in agreement with Mr. Biesemeyer regarding holding off on recommendations to specific technologies and suggested that the board wait for Water Resources' lead in promoting new water softening technologies.

3. Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes -- Regular Meeting: February 12, 2014 and Special Meeting February 19, 2014. Possible action

Chair

Board Member Hermann moved to approve the *Regular Meeting February 12, 2014 Summarized Meeting Minutes, and the Special Meeting February 19, 2014 Summarized Meeting Minutes;* Board Member Person provided a second to the motion; The board APPROVED the motion with a vote of 6-0.

4. Administrative Report -Discussion

Updates of recent and coming events

Mr. Conner provided a brief overview of the recent City staff restructuring and handed out the new organization chart.

Additionally Mr. Conner informed the board that staff had been told to prepare to vacate the Community Design Studio by the end of July as the building was being placed on the market for sale. Mr. Conner informed the board that he had secured space at the Granite Reef Sr. Center for the remainder of the board's 2014 meetings. A number of board

Tim Conner & Sam Brown

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members requested that staff search for a more centrally located place to hold the meetings. Mr. Conner said that he would look into that as well.

- Introduction of the Environmental Regulatory Guide
 Mr. Brown reviewed his work for updating the City's
 Environmental Regulatory Guide. He explained that the guide
 was a reference of other agencies that may need to be
 contacted by the development community during a project.
- Introduction of restructured draft Environmental **Compliance Management System progress** Mr. Brown provided a brief overview of the basis of the new Environmental Compliance Management System. He explained that it was being designed specifically for a local municipality's operations and that although it did borrow from the previous ISO 14001 format it was not following all components of that program. Board member Person express concern for the departure from the ISO 14001 and explained that he had been assisting ADEQ with a voluntary environmental program that did include ISO 14001 as a base line rating that communities could join. He felt that the departure from that system may not allow Scottsdale to have the exemplary status that it once had. Mr. Brown said he would look into the ADEQ program, but certain components of the ISO program were not relevant to the City's operations.

5. Chair's Report- Discussion

Briefing of General Plan Task Force reception and discussion of EQAB comments

Chair Marsh gave a brief overview of the Task Force meetings and congratulated the board on providing the input that seemed to be fairly well received by the Task Force. He stated that they would need to watch for future drafts to see how their comments were addressed.

 Discussion about returning to focused work program items with the possibility of amending, deleting or adding to the key items

Chair Marsh suggested that the Board reassess and reorganize the future work plan focus areas. He said in his case he felt that the salinity issue should be set aside until more information about the rebate program and emerging technologies was available.

State Legislature update regarding salinity
 Chair Marsh handed out a copy of the bill being introduced

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into the House (HB 2117). He stated that he felt that this was a great accomplishment in beginning to acknowledge the issue at the state level. Board member Hermann asked if the bill was drafted by an industry manufacturing representative. Chair Marsh responded that actually the bill had been the result of the State Water Quality Committee's Technical Action Committee Task Force.

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

Chair, and

- Update of Solid Waste Department Recognition None provided
- Update on Green Building Lecture Series
 Board Member Edwards announced the next lecture topic of Construction material reuse and recycling
- Overview of the STAR Community rating system (April)
- Overview of the Green Building Residential Checklist (April/May)
- 7. Updates and reminders -

Chair and Board Members

- Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m.
- Next Green Building Lecture Thursday, April 3, 2014

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.