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## **SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES**

City of Scottsdale

Environmental Quality Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch

Sonoran Meeting Room

7500 E Doubletree Ranch Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85258

### **PRESENT:**

Floyd Marsh, Chair  
Bill Sheaffer, Vice-Chair  
Kevin Edwards, Board Member  
Larry Person, Board Member  
Alisa McMahon, Board Member  
Candice Gimbel, Board Member  
Stephan Herman, 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:**

Chair Floyd Marsh called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:32 p.m.

### **Roll Call:**

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

### **Public Comment:**

None – No public present

#### **1. Hosted tour of sustainable features of the Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch.**

Ms. Jennifer Mueller provided an overview presentation of the sustainability and green efforts of the facility followed by a brief tour to show case some of the accomplishments.

Jennifer Mueller,  
Sr. Director of  
Engineering

#### **2. Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes -- Regular Meeting: June 18, 2014. Possible action**

Board Member Person moved to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting June 18, 2014; Vice-Chair Sheaffer provided a second to the motion; APPROVED 7-0.

Chair Marsh

**3. Administrative Report –Discussion**

Tim Conner

Mr. Conner provided information on the following topics:

- A brief explanation of a Maricopa County Clean Air Committee with comments on the upcoming problems with Ozone exceedances predicted to possibly bring the Valley into non-attainment, and the upcoming all day County Clean Air Conference planned for the first week in December.
- A brief explanation about the Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development presentation that he and the Chair had attended at the Sustainable Cities Network Green Infrastructure Meeting.
- The presentations of the Scottsdale Environmental Design Awards taking place at the Development Review Board on August 21 at 1:00 p.m., and at the City Council meeting on September 9, at 5:00 p.m.
- Mr. Floyd announced that the schedule was available for water conservation courses for the public beginning on the first Thursday in September. The schedule is now available on the Scottsdale Web site.

**4. Chair's Report– Discussion**

Chair Marsh

Chair Marsh stated that he really had not prepared a detailed report due to the time the tour took from the meeting, but did encourage the board to continue to formalize their ideas related to their desired work programs.

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

Chair & Board Members

Board Member Gimbel discussed her recent discoveries related to parents idling at schools while attempting to pick up their children. She noted that there had been a letter to the Mayor and Council by a concerned citizen. Additionally she had been introduced to a software by a friend that was intended to assist in proper cueing of parents attempting to pick up children at schools. She asked that if the board were to take some type of action, who would the audience

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be? Mr. Conner said that depended upon if she had intended to attempt to route the discussion through the Mayor's staff. If so, there might need to be some agreement between the Mayor and possibly Council prior to contacting the various school boards. Mr. Conner stated that in Arizona, the school districts are governed separately from the cities, and that at one time Scottsdale had a very strong working relationship with the Scottsdale School District, but over time that relationship has become less close. For that reason, if the board did want to approach school districts directly, it might be a good idea to gain at least some form of agreement through the Mayor's staff prior to advancing the topic. Mr. Conner attempted to remind the Board that while it is appropriate to contact other governmental agencies, such as the school districts, as an individual citizen, caution should be taken when doing so as a formal Board. The Board is actually an advisory board to City Council, not an action oriented board acting without Council authorization.

Board Member Gimbel stated that she also wanted to push expansion of the bus system as another component to reducing the environmental and safety concerns of the current situation. She stated that she would attempt to formalize her thoughts and recommendations into a memo to present at the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Sheaffer offered his support in researching how other school districts were attempting to resolve this issue. He offered the use of his network of the Clean Cities Coalition to reach out to districts utilizing other best practices. He stated that districts that appear to be ahead of this curve include Mesa and Deer Valley among others.

Changing topics, Vice-Chair Sheaffer suggested that local businesses, such as the Hyatt, that have made great accomplishments in environmental sustainability efforts should be recognized in some way. The Board generally agreed.

Board member Sheaffer also stated that he would like to provide a brief presentation to the Board on the topic of the peak power shift due to solar and wind generation during the daytime hours, and how that supports the concept of recharging electric vehicles during the business day.

Board Member Person suggested that EQAB submit a letter of appreciation to the General Plan Task Force for their efforts related

to the writing of the environmental chapter of the draft General Plan Update. He felt he could bring a draft forward at the next meeting.

Board Member Person also spoke to the EPA decision to accept the Technical Working Group's alternative for the Navajo Generating Station. In related EPA news he reported that there are concerns that the EPA might attempt to define the CAP canal water as "waters of the US". The reasoning behind this seems to be that because the water is stored in the Lake Pleasant reservoir the EPA is considering a determination that then all of the water in the CAP system must be treated. Chair Marsh recalled that a similar issue to this came up over ten years ago, so there is some history that will hopefully be used to influence the EPA's direction.

Board Member Person also discussed his desire to follow up on a "green Super Bowl event." He again referenced that only the idea of such a thing would be coming from the board and it would be up to one or more third parties to carry it out if anything stuck with the Super Bowl committees. He stated he would attempt to develop a paper for this for next month's meeting.

Board Member Edwards stated he would like to focus a little more on the issue of water conservation to bring forward the fact that the valley has and continues to be in the state of a drought. Board Member Person also felt this was a very worthwhile topic.

To close discussion, Chair Marsh challenged each of the Board Members to bring forward their individual top three items related to water, water usage, and water quality to the next meeting.

6. Updates and reminders –

- Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m.
- Next Green Building Lecture Thursday, October 2, 2014, 7:00 p.m. Granite Reef Sr. Center
- Additional announcements by Board Members & Staff

Chair & Board  
Members

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Chair and Board  
Members

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