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City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Agenda

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 15, 2014
Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Call to Order: **5:35 p.m.**

Roll Call:

Floyd Marsh-Chair, Bill Sheaffer-Vice Chair, Kevin Edwards, Candice Gimbel, Alisa McMahon, Larry Person, Stephen Hermann (One or more members may attend telephonically)

PRESENT: Floyd Marsh – Chair (telephonically), Bill Sheaffer – Vice-Chair, Alisa McMahon (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Kevin Edwards, Larry Person, Stephen Hermann, and Candice Gimbel (arrived at 5:45 p.m. – left at 6:50 p.m.)

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

Public Comment:

None – Five members of the public present – submitted three Speaker / Citizen Cards to speak on agenda item # 2.

1. Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes -- Regular Meeting: September 17, 2014. **Possible action**
Board Member Person moved to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting September 17, 2014; Chair Marsh provided a second to the motion; APPROVED 5-0.
Vice-Chair Sheaffer
2. Updated overview of board member's findings and recommendations for the reduction of idling at local schools during student pickup. Also recommendations and findings regarding a desired expansion of school bus service to local schools. – **Discussion and possible action**
Board Member Gimbel & Vice-Chair Sheaffer

Three Speaker/Citizen Comment Cards were received on this item.

Rachel Smetana, City of Scottsdale Mayor's Office staff, informed the board that the Mayor was in support of the item being discussed. She stated that the Mayor looked forward to receiving recommendations from the board to assist in working towards a process that might move the issue closer to a solution for the three School Districts serving Scottsdale. Rachel also stated that the assuming the Mayor was in agreement with the recommended approach, he would be willing to communicate and invite to a discussion key players from the City, other relevant agencies, and School districts.

Adam Wasserman, Scottsdale resident, expressed his gratitude to the Board for being willing to address the issues of environmental and safety concerns related to the current state of pick-up and drop-off traffic and idling taking place at the various schools in Scottsdale. He stated that he was willing to participate in finding the solution if the Board felt his input would be appropriate.

Julie Finke, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), described to the board the idle reduction tool kit that was available on the ADEQ Website. She also discussed the success of programs related to bus idling reduction, and noted that the Scottsdale School District was the first to work to comply with this best practice. She stated that working with the districts was a must to help find solutions and retain buy-in regarding idle reduction at schools. Additionally she described the benefits of a parent and children educational approach that included direct participation at the PTO and individual households in the districts. She offered the resources of ADEQ to assist in the program discussions, and also offered her services to help with communicating the message.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Chair's Report– **Discussion and possible action**

Chair Marsh

- Announcement of Water Consciousness Challenge competition
- Update of recent meetings and events
- Water Softening Rebate current status (email report)
- Follow up presentation from WQA at December 17, 2014 EQAB meeting
- Thank you letter to Hyatt
Board Member Person moved to strike the last sentence in paragraph 4 and approve the revised letter of recognition for the Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch, a second was provided by Board Member Hermann. Motion APPROVED 6-0.
- Motion to remove item from table - Call to challenge by the Chair to have each member develop in advance their top three items for possible future priority focus areas related to water supply, water usage, water quality and water sustainability. Advance written material will be discussed as old business and consolidate into a consensus "Top 3-5 List"
NO ACTION TAKEN – Item to be brought back to next meeting.

4. Review and possible approval of revised letter of appreciation from the Board to the General Plan Update Task Force staff for their efforts related to revisions in the Environmental Chapter of the current draft General Plan Update – **Discussion and possible action**

Vice Chair
Sheaffer / Chair
Marsh

Board member Hermann moved to approve the letter of appreciation to the Long Range Planning Staff for their work of incorporating the Board's comments for the Environmental Chapter of the current General Plan Update Draft document, a second was provided by Board Member McMahon. Motion APPROVED 6-0.

5. Motion to remove item from the table -Review and possible approval of a letter to the Super Bowl Green Initiatives Committee regarding suggested program focuses for the 2015 event in the Valley-**Discussion and possible action on draft letter prepared in advance of meeting**

Board Member
Person / Vice-
Chair Sheaffer

Board Member Person requested to withdraw this agenda item from future agendas without action.

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

Vice-Chair
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Board Members

Board Member Edwards announced that he had decided to not apply for a second term. Mr. Conner noted that the October meeting would be his last unless he decided he would like to carry on until the vacancy was filled. Board Member Edwards stated he would take that under consideration, but was not prepared to make a decision at this meeting.

Vice-Chair Sheaffer stated his appreciation of the Board and Staff and noted that this meeting would be his last.

Mr. Conner noted that this creates two vacancies and that thus far no application had been received by the Clerk's office. He suggested that if any board members had candidates in mind that they ask them to please fill out and file an application with the Clerk on or before October 20, 2014.

Chair Marsh suggested that Board Member Gimbel continue to work on her communication piece for item #2 above with a focus on a future meeting with the Mayor to discuss recommendations and solicit the Mayor's help in establishing a multi-jurisdictional task force.

7. Updates and reminders –

Vice-Chair
Sheaffer &
Board Members

- Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m.
- Next Green Building Lecture Thursday, November 6, 2014, 7:00 p.m. Granite Reef Sr. Center
- Additional announcements by Board Members & Staff

Chair Marsh noted that the planned tour of Henkel would need to be scheduled possibly for February, 2014.

Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.

Vice-Chair
Sheaffer &
Board Members