



APPROVED 6/17/2015 (TAC)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Alisa McMahon, Chair
Larry Person, Vice-Chair
Floyd Marsh, Board Member
Stephan Hermann, Board Member
Candice Gimbel, Board Member
Bruce Travers, Board Member

ABSENT: Michel Hulst, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Erin Perreault, Long Range Planning
Sara Javoronok, Long Range Planning
Adam Yaron, Long Range Planning
Bob Wood, Long Range Planning

Call to Order:

Chair McMahon called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:40 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

No public comment, no citizens present.

1. **Presentation of Scottsdale General Plan 2035 process by Long Range Planning –Discussion**

Staff has begun the process of reviewing the draft plan with the Planning Commission during study session meetings.

Erin Perreault &
Long Range
Planning Staff

Planning Commission will receive comments sent to staff and will consider all comments during their review period. Staff recommends that comments be provided by the end of August or beginning of September 2015.

The Board stated that they appreciated the incorporation of many of their comments into the latest draft.

2. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes -- Regular Meeting: March 18, 2015. Possible action** Chair McMahon

Motion to approve Summarized Meeting Minutes for EQAB Regular Meeting March 18, 2015 was provided by Board Member Marsh, a second was provided by Board Member Gimbel; APPROVED 6-0

3. **Administrative Report -Discussion** Tim Conner & Board Members

- **Desert Discovery Center Update** – Mr. Conner provided and discussed an article on the selection process for the next steps in this program.
- **House & Senate Bills update & EQAB's future role in legislative issues** – Mr. Conner provided an overview of the results on a number of state legislature bills.

Chair McMahon provided a Sierra Club's *2015 Environmental Report Card – Arizona Legislature and Governor*.

Mr. Conner answered a number of questions provided by the Chair about the role of the Governmental Relations Director for the City.

- **DCDC Water Climate Briefing** – Hulst – no update provided due to Board Member Hulst's absence.
- **Colorado River Shortage Preparedness Workshop** – Chair McMahon provided the board with an overview of the workshop/webinar. She stated that the presentations are available online. She reported that only two questions were asked regarding the consequences of a supply shortage. McMahon asked: Under the 2016 Projected Tier 1 Shortage Impact, "other excess storage" loses its 127KAF. What are the consequences of that? The answer was: We reduce the amount of water available to address future and deeper shortages; we reduce our savings account for our future. The second question was: There does not seem to be enough savings to address the structural deficit; any thoughts on how to address the structural deficit? The answer was: You are

correct, we do not have enough savings; we hope for system-wide, all users solutions.

- **Low Impact Development (LID) Toolkits** – Mr. Conner provided an overview of the City of Scottsdale’s LID Concepts for the Granite Reef Watershed, and the Mesa/Glendale *Low Impact Development Toolkit*, and stated that City staff will be evaluating these tools for possible future use in stormwater/pollution control management.

4. **Possible cancelation of meeting for summer recess – Discussion and possible action**

Chair McMahon & Board

Vice-Chair Person moved to cancel the July 15, 2015 scheduled EQAB Regular Meeting, a second was provided by Board Member Marsh; APPROVED 5-0-1, Chair McMahon did not register a vote on this item

5. **Updated overview of progress of the Mayor’s office 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, Chair McMahon & Tim Conner

No Action Taken – Mr. Conner provided a brief overview about a recent meeting with the leadership of the Scottsdale Unified School District arranged by the Mayor’s Office. Chair McMahon felt that the meeting was a success.

Board Member Marsh encouraged Board Member Gimbel to continue to see what could be developed to provide parents, students, and the district with information that might be useful to assist in reducing air pollution and increasing safety. Board Member Gimbel agreed that it seemed worthwhile to continue to work on this matter.

Mr. Conner suggested that possibly there might be more than one document from EQAB that briefed the different audiences in different ways. Such as one for City Council, parents, the District, PTOs...

Mr. Conner suggested that the briefing might also include other efforts being made by other City departments, such as Transportation and Scottsdale PD. Board Member Gimbel asked who in the City should be interviewed. Mr. Conner agreed to assist her with making contacts with additional City Departments.

Mr. Conner stated that there had been a subsequent meeting with District Representatives. He stated that Julie Finke with ADEQ is working to update her idle reduction tools, hopefully in time to assist the District in getting the word out to the Principals at their meeting in July.

Board Member Person suggested that the safety aspect be highlighted more in EQAB's communication. He stated that there is a School Resource Officer assigned to each school. Board member Gimbel asked for assistance in identifying that resource. She recalled that some school districts used PTO members to attempt to organize the parents picking up students.

Chair McMahon suggested that EQAB consider sponsoring some type of science fair / science award for working on this issue.

6. **Review and possible approval of a letter to the Building Advisory Board of Appeals regarding EQAB's support of 2015 building code amendments as related to Appendix U – Solar Ready Provisions for new residential buildings, High Efficiency Plumbing Fixtures, Residential Lighting Efficiency, and Bathroom Exhaust Fan Controls – Discussion and possible action**
No Action Taken – Item to be heard at next meeting
Anthony Floyd & Board
7. **Review status of criteria and process for proposed private/public sector *Environmental Achievement Recognition Program* – Discussion and possible action**
No Action Taken – Item to be heard at next meeting
Board Member Hermann & Board
8. **Update of progress on the environmental topical contact list as developed by the board in 2014 – Discussion**
No Action Taken – Item to be heard at next meeting
Vice-Chair Person
9. **Board Members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items- Discussion**
Board Member Marsh stated that he will be meeting with the City's Water Resources Executive Director, Brian Biesemeyer in June and would be providing an update at the June meeting. Topics include finalized research on no-salt water softening systems, and how EQAB might help with awareness of the rebate program, the questions voiced by EQAB members regarding the *Drought Management Plan*, and Brian's thoughts regarding the *Water*
Chair McMahon & Board Members

Resources Element of the General Plan 2035.

10. Updates and reminders –

- **Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m.**
- **Next Green Building Lecture Thursday, June 4, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Granite Reef Sr. Center – Topic- Green Innovative Built Projects.** Chair McMahon requested topics and speakers for next season's Lecture Series.
- **Additional announcements by Board Members & Staff**

Chair McMahon
& Board
Members

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Chair McMahon
& Board
Members