



APPROVED 10/19/2016 (TAC)

**\*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES\***

City of Scottsdale  
Environmental Quality Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting  
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2016  
Scottsdale Community Design Studio  
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

**PRESENT:** Alisa McMahon, Chair  
Steven Schlosser, Vice-Chair  
Candice Gimbel, Board Member (arrived at 6:00 p.m.)  
Bruce Travers, Board Member  
Dane Englert, Board Member

**ABSENT:** Michel Hulst, Board Member  
Arnold Siegel, Board Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives  
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives  
Dan Worth, Director of Public Works

**Call to Order:**

Chair McMahon 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**

Three members of the public were present. No public comment was received.

1. **Solid Waste Vision and Strategic Plan: Informational item** Dan Worth  
**provided by Dan Worth, Public Works Director, regarding a proposed process for the development of, and a review of draft concepts for a solid waste and recycling “vision” and strategic plan. Also a discussion regarding EQAB’s role in this process.**  
**– Discussion and possible action**

No action was taken. A copy of Mr. Worth’s presentation is linked to the item #1 title. The following is a generalized listing of questions

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from the Board followed by answers from Mr. Worth:

Vice-Chair Schlosser asked if there was consideration of collecting compostable like food scraps. He went on to discuss his past exposure to graduated pay as you throw containers in California. He noted that this practice may require other waste stream accommodations.

Mr. Worth noted if the community desired a compostable option, the plan would consider that, if the community was willing to accept a cost for the service.

Mr. Worth responded that there have been some unintended problems created by the residential pay as you throw model. The rates for solid waste sometimes contribute creating higher recycling contamination rates by trying to reduce the trash. He stated this program model will require an enhanced education program.

Board Member Englert pointed out the with alleys utilizing shared bins it makes it difficult to implement pay as you throw in the southern parts of the City.

Chair McMahan asked about possibly reducing the frequency of pick-up. Mr. Worth indicated that the State legislature mandates at least two pick-ups per week for residential customers. The City has split the pick-ups one for solid waste and one for recycling per week.

Chair McMahan asked if there are tipping fees charged for green waste. Mr. Worth stated the green waste tipping fees at the land fill are the same as solid waste.

Chair McMahan said that possibly one consideration might be to have a dedicated green waste can program that is picked up more frequently than the bulk pick-up.

Vice-Chair Schlosser brought up the point that some multifamily housing residents take their recycles to a single point bulk pick-up location. He asked who pays for that service. Mr. Worth said this service was part of the problem with the rate structure. Essentially, the single family residents are paying for this benefit, not the multifamily customers.

Vice-Chair Schlosser asked if there were nonprofit organizations that

collect recycle materials as a revenue generator. Mr. Worth said there are some similar collection activities. He went on to state that the City is open to this type of activity.

Chair McMahon asked when Dan would return. He felt he may need a month or two before he has refined his daft plan. The Chair stated the board would pencil him in for the November 2016.

2. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting August 17, 2016 – Possible action** Chair McMahon

**MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 2**

Board Member Gimbel provided a motion to approve the August 17, 2016 Regular Meeting Summarized Meeting Minutes as submitted, Board Member Englert provided a second to the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

3. **Administrative Report: Discussion** Tim Conner, & Board Members
- Updates and opportunities – Conner
  - Update of planned Scottsdale Water presentation
  - Green Building Lecture Series update – Conner & Chair McMahon
4. **Idle Reduction Resource Packet: Review of the resource packet for idle reduction during student pick up and drop off at Scottsdale schools and the Board’s Cover Memo to City Council. Discuss next steps for EQAB distribution of final packet. – Discussion and possible action** Board Member Gimbel, & Chair McMahon

No discussion or action was taken.

5. **White Paper for alternative water softener technologies: Update progress for the final draft white paper “Scottsdale Unsalted”: A Review of Alternative Salt-Free Water Treatment Technologies for Effective Salinity Management and the Board’s Cover Memo to City Council. Discussion of recommendations provided by Vice-Chair Schlosser, and an overview by Board Member Englert of Arizona Revised Statute Title 14 Article 19 Appliances and Equipment Energy Efficiency Standards §44-1375 – §44-1375.03 specifically related to multi-speed residential pool pump standards. – Discussion and possible action** Chair McMahon, Vice-Chair Schlosser, & Board Member Englert

No discussion or action was taken.

6. **Draft General Plan references to school transportation: Review of goals and policies in the draft General Plan related to school transportation. Consider EQAB recommendation for alternative language. – Discussion and possible action** Chair McMahon

No discussion or action was taken.

7. **ASU-GIOS- SCN LID Workgroup letter of support: The Office of Environmental Initiatives is requesting Board support through a letter/memorandum of recommendation to City Council regarding regional participation in the development of a Regional Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure Guidance Manual – Discussion and possible action** Tim Conner

No discussion or action was taken.

8. **Board Members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items – Discussion** Chair McMahon, & Board Members

Items #4, #5, #6, & #7 may return at a future date

Scottsdale Water presentation is planned for the October 19, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Worth is tentatively scheduled to return to the November 16, 2016 EQAB meeting with updated results for the Solid Waste Vision and Strategic Plan.

9. **Updates and reminders –** Chair McMahon, & Board Members
- Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the **One Civic Center Building, 7447 E Indian School Rd. Suite 105 Community Development conference rooms 1, 2, & 3** at 5:30 p.m. – Documents related to this meeting will be due to Tim Conner – [tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov) by the close of business Monday October 17, 2016.
  - Next Green Building Lecture Series October 6, 2016 – Topic: Rooftop Solar: An Exciting Future for All.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. due to multiple members needing to leave the meeting for other appointments. Chair McMahon