



City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Granite Reef Senior Center
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Rm. 10

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Dr. Jimmy Leung, Chair
Bill Gill, Vice-Chair
Nancy Basinger, Board Member
Tom Dwyer, Board Member
Lisa Cavera, Board Member
James McCay, Board Member

ABSENT: Jay Spector, Board Member

STAFF: Larry Person, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Steve Venker, Planning and Development Services Dept.
Kira Wauwie, Planning and Development Services Dept.
Anthony Floyd, Green Building Program Manager
Joey Miller, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Andrew Kocisky, Office of Environmental Initiatives

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Leung called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above, noting the presence of a quorum.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting: April 22, 2009 APPROVED: 5-0; Motion by Board Member Dwyer; 2nd Board Member Cavera; Board Member McCay not yet present

Special Meeting: May 6, 2009 APPROVED: 4-0; Motion by Board Member Basinger; 2nd Board Member Cavera; Board Member Gill abstained; Board Member McCay not yet present

2. Administrative Report

- Larry Person provided a brief update on two items from the May 19 Council Meeting, Council action on the FY 2009/2010 Budget and Council action on EECBG funding for energy projects—Council voted to approve the staff and EQAB recommended set of 4 projects: LED streetlights, blowers for water facilities, energy audits for municipal buildings and energy audits for residents and small businesses.

3. Update and discussion on environmental aspects of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning Ordinance

- Steve Venker provided an overview of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning Ordinance which is scheduled to go to Council on June 9, 2009. The PUD provides an option for mid-sized multi-use developments primarily along arterial designated streets, that transition rapidly to single family homes. Mr. Venker highlighted certain environmental aspects of the PUD and solicited feedback from the Board on these environmental aspects.

4. Update and discussion on a staff presentation of architectural design standards as they relate to a possible EQAB recommendation regarding expansion of the Green Building Program.

- Steve Venker presented slides of examples of specific elements of architectural design unique to the southwest desert environment. The examples focused on the architectural responses to light and heat. A suggestion was made that two other elements of architectural response might be to water (or lack of in the desert) and to desert flora.
- In response to Mr. Venker's presentation EQAB members discussed a possible recognition program for "environmentally sensitive Scottsdale design", and expressed the desire to continue that discussion at future meetings as well as continuing EQAB's education on Sonoran design with additional presentations from architects.

5. Committee Reports and Discussion on possible EQAB assistance to City Manager John Little in developing contacts that may result in coordinated efforts between the public and private sectors to address environmental concerns. (S.R.C. Chp. 2; Art. V; Div. 8; Sec. 2-303)

- Chair Leung led a brief discussion with limited input from its committees. EQAB members discussed whether to focus on specific contacts for specific public/private partnerships or provide more general input to the City Manager.

6. Standing Committee Reports

- Energy Advisory Committee (EAC) from Chair Tom Dwyer.
- Green Building Advisory Committee (GBAC) from Chair Nancy Basinger

7. Board Member suggestions for future agenda items

- Continue Item 4 discussion with an invitation to Sonoran design architects
- GBAC expanded report
- Possible Water Department items if they want any brought forward to EQAB
- Stormwater overview

8. Updates and Reminders

- Next EQAB meeting is scheduled for June 17
- Next EAC meeting is scheduled for June 10
- Next GBAC meeting is scheduled for June 9

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:
Larry Person, Office of Environmental Initiatives

A recording of this meeting is available upon request.