



City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, 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
Jay Spector, Board Member

ABSENT:
Lisa Cavera, Board Member
James McCay, Board Member

STAFF: Larry Person, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Andrew Kocisky, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Connie Padian, Planning, Neighborhoods and Transportation
Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Steve Venker, Planning, Neighborhoods and Transportation
Linda Butson, Public Works and Water Resources

Citizens: Jeff Jameson (Human Relations Commission)

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Leung called the meeting to order at 5:41 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: May 20, 2009 APPROVED: 4-0; Motion by Board Member Basinger; 2nd Board Member Dwyer; Board Member Spector abstained.
- 2. Administrative Report**

- Connie Padian introduced Tim Conner as the new head of the Office of Environmental Initiatives. Ms. Padian briefed the Board on the city budget and restructuring, noting the impacts on the Office of Environmental Initiatives (OEI). The energy position which was to be a part of the OEI was cut in the budget process. Various staff will absorb the responsibilities earmarked for this energy person, including some combination of Executive Team members for policy development and the Public Works and Water Resources Division handling facility upgrades. Ms. Padian introduced Linda Butson, Facilities Management Director, who will direct staff energy efficiency improvements and will also serve as the liaison to EQAB's Energy Advisory Committee. Tim Conner briefly stated his vision for the OEI and welcomed the opportunity to work with the Board. Ms. Butson also welcomed the opportunity to work with the Board.

3. Presentation and Discussion regarding environmental impact of motor vehicle idling

- Jeff Jameson, who serves on the city's Human Relations Commission, but was speaking as a Scottsdale citizen, thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Board. He stated that excessive vehicle idling was a bit of a personal issue to him, but also noted its negative impact on air quality. Mr. Jameson asked the Board to consider an awareness campaign to achieve voluntary reductions in the amount of vehicle idling in the city. His personal observations included: idling at stores, schools, fast food restaurant drive throughs and parks. He was aware of the existing County anti-idling ordinance, but didn't regard an ordinance as the solution to his concern. Mr. Jameson presented suggested lists of: potential target audiences, existing City outreach venues, and potential partners for the public awareness campaign; and concluded by asking for the Board's support of his ideas and call for action. City staff provided information on two specific operational efforts to reduce idling in City fleet vehicles. Board member discussion included both support for the concept and reservations about the potential positive impact such a campaign could have on improved air quality. Mr. Jameson committed to refine his ideas into an action plan, with EQAB member input, and return to EQAB at a future meeting.

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

- Chairman Leung led the internal Board discussion. Board Member Dwyer shared ideas for next steps in the research of the topic, and advocated for a Scottsdale Architectural Awards Program to advance these ideas.

5. Standing Committee Reports

- Green Building Advisory Committee (GBAC) from Chair Nancy Basinger
GBAC Chair Basinger distributed two handouts to Board members. The first was a summary table of GBAC Objectives/Strategies organized into 4 columns: Education & Communication; Incentives; Policy; and Leadership. The second hand out was a concept page for a Center for Green Technology, which might include vendor demonstrations, product samples, videos, books, etc. After Board discussion, GBAC Chair Basinger suggested that the Workplan/Objectives/Strategies be sent back to GBAC for further refinement, and made a motion to that effect.

APPROVED: 5-0; Motion to send GBAC 2009 Workplan back to GBAC for further research and refinement; Motion by Board Member Basinger; 2nd by Board Member Spector

- Energy Advisory Committee (EAC) from Chair Tom Dwyer.

EAC Chair Dwyer provided a brief update on the most recent EAC meeting.

6. Board Member suggestions for future agenda items

- Continue Item 4 discussion with an invitation to Sonoran design architects
- Revised EQAB Committee Guidelines
- McDowell Corridor Planning environmental considerations
- Revisit Item 3 on vehicle idling awareness campaign

7. Updates and Reminders

- Next EQAB meeting is scheduled for August 19
- Next EAC meeting is scheduled for August 12
- Next GBAC meeting is scheduled for August 11
- Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards Banquet is Sept. 12 at the Westin Kierland Resort—the city has been nominated in 6 categories and sponsors the event

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Larry Person, Office of Environmental Initiatives

A recording of this meeting is available upon request.