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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd.
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

NOTE: Due to mechanical failure, there is no live audio recording

PRESENT: Steven Schlosser, Chair
Tammy Bosse, Vice Chair
Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Board Member
Anthony Coletta, Board Member (telephonically, until 7:00 pm)
Walter Cuculic, Board Member
Ryan Johnson, Board Member

ABSENT: David Abranovic, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives

Call to Order:

Tim Conner called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:39 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

Six citizens were present, one public comment was received from Ms. Gwyn McMurray, who stated her concern over the increase in atmospheric haziness and unclear sky conditions.

1. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes:** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2019 – **Possible action**

Chair Schlosser,
Board Members

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 1

Board Member (BM) Cuculic provided a motion to approve the draft EQAB Regular Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2019. BM Lazarr provided a second for the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 6-0**

Chair Schlosser - Yes
Vice Chair Bosse - Yes
Board Member Coletta – Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Johnson - Yes
Board Member Cuculic - Yes

2. **Administrative Report:**

Tim Conner,
Anthony Floyd, &
Sam Brown

- Updates and opportunities - Conner
No updates provided by Mr. Conner
- Energy management update - Floyd
Mr. Floyd informed the Board that Az Public Service would be providing him with Downtown energy usage data for select buildings. Mr. Floyd and Mr. Conner discussed the five solar Capital Improvement Projects that were included in the Community Spaces and Infrastructure bond request that will be placed on the November 2019 ballot. Mr. Floyd mentioned the ability to utilize Facility Maintenance's software, ARCHIBUS, for more efficient energy usage tracking. Board Member Cuculic extolled the potential cost savings to the City (5 - 20%) for well-designed photovoltaic solar projects; he asked how the City evaluates such recommendations. In response, Mr. Floyd mentioned that Facilities has the option to put out a Request for Proposal for an Energy Performance Services Contract.
- EQAB Documents on Sharepoint Communication Site - Brown
Mr. Brown displayed the new website, *EQAB Documents*, that allows all Board Members to access stored documents for past and future meetings. Mr. Brown also demonstrated the home-page Calendar and News Feed applications; he asked Board Members to recommend functional improvements.

3. **EQAB's Purpose, Powers and Duties:**

Discuss progress on EQAB's approved proposed modifications to City Code Sec 2-303, EQAB's "Purpose; Powers, and Duties" and next steps – **Discussion and possible action**

Tim Conner,
Chair &
Board Members

Chair Schlosser informed the Board that the Staff Committee would provide the EQAB members with an advance copy of the Committee's recommendations prior to sending that information to the Clerk's Office for posting on the City Council's Agenda. Staff indicated that it is their understanding at this time that there will be no meeting with EQAB members to discuss the subject matter in advance and concerns about that were expressed.

4. **Organic Land Management Pilot Program:**

Sam Brown

Review status of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department's approach to evaluating alternatives to synthetic herbicides and fertilizers for its parkland and recreational turf areas. Discuss next steps. – **Discussion and possible action**

Staff Member Brown presented an update on the Parks & Recreation's (P&R) progress on developing a systematic study of organic turf management at Chaparral Park on two soccer fields and one adjacent baseball field. Mr. Brown reviewed the soil sample test results and the outline of the draft (partially completed) Project Work Plan.

5. **EQAB Glyphosate Awareness Memo to Council:** Review memo content; discuss submittal to City Council. - **Discussion and possible action**

Chair &
Board Members

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 5

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft memo (annotated as version 6.0). Members agreed to strike the third and fourth paragraphs from the draft, and then accepted that version without further change. Memo will be addressed to Mayor and City Council and signed by Chair Schlosser. BM Lazarr provided a motion to approve the memo. BM Johnson provided a second for the motion;

MOTION APPROVED 6-0

Chair Schlosser - Yes
Vice Chair Bosse - Yes
Board Member Coletta – Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Johnson - Yes
Board Member Cuculic - Yes

6. **Discussion of EQAB Priorities for CY2019 (15 min):** Review member-submitted priorities; vote on Board's top priorities. - **Discussion and possible action**

Chair, &
Board Members

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 6

The Board reviewed and discussed the tabulated summary of Board Members' weighted votes for 2019 Board Priorities. The Board accepted

the top three priorities for guidance. BM Cuculic included in the #1 priority (known as 'Korte's Challenge') a proposed memo to City Council making a strong business case for the City to strengthen its leadership role in environmental and sustainability initiatives through the establishment of high-level Energy and Sustainability Management positions. There was concern expressed about limiting our work to the top three, since environmental issues are broad and complex, and the other items from our year-end report are also very important. The acceptance of the top three Priorities still allows the Board to engage in, and focus on, on the other important items in the list, and other subjects of interest as they arise. BM Cuculic provided a motion to approve the 2019 EQAB Priorities (with directive to draft Business Case Memo). BM Lazarr provided a second for the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 6-0**

Chair Schlosser - Yes
Vice Chair Bosse - Yes
Board Member Coletta – Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Johnson - Yes
Board Member Cuculic - Yes

7. **Scottsdale Stadium Renovation**: Review member-submitted priorities; vote on Board's top priorities - **Discussion and possible action**

Board Members
Johnson,
Coletta

The Board agreed that the memorandum, drafted by BM Johnson, recommending to City Council that Scottsdale Stadium renovations incorporate strong sustainability initiatives was complete and acceptable. BM Schlosser moved to send that memo to City Council; BM Cuculic provided a second to that motion.

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

Chair Schlosser - Yes
Vice Chair Bosse - Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Johnson - Yes
Board Member Cuculic - Yes

8. **Councilmember Korte's challenge to elevate and advance environmental initiatives**: Discuss the Board's approach to the challenge and define the next steps. Discuss the process (who? / how? / topic boundaries?) for inviting guest speakers from neighboring cities to present their understanding of what is functionally successful within their organization for advancing and maintaining sustainability and environmental initiatives. - **Discussion and possible action**

Chair &
Board Members

This subject was covered in detail under Agenda Item #6, as the most prominent of the 2019 EQAB Priorities. Board Member Cuculic asked how the Board could effectively inform the City's Executive Management on the importance of empowered (high-level) sustainability and energy management positions. Mr. Conner displayed the City Manager's 'vision' of his newly-posted organizational chart. Chair Schlosser discussed his approach for inviting the Scottsdale City Manager, and certain Executive Staff and City Council Members to attend the May EQAB meeting where guest speakers from the Cities of Tempe and Phoenix will describe the functional benefits of high-level sustainability positions within their organizations. The Board deliberated extensively on the intent, content and format for this protocol.

9. **Environmental Achievement Award for 2019:** Discuss program to promote the EQAB Award for 2019 - how do we do this proactively? - **Discussion and possible action** Chair &
Board Members

Subject was discussed in general terms, but no action was taken.

10. **Energy Star and Water Sense Program:** Review draft memo to Council urging Scottsdale's Government Relations Director to lobby for the continuation of the Energy Star™ and Water Sense™ programs. - **Discussion and possible action** Chair &
Board Members

Chair Schlosser presented his draft of a memorandum to City Council. A member of the public provided information about and suggested the inclusion of additional federal programs that impact the City: EPA's Waste Minimization and Recycling program and Department of Energy's energy efficiency programs in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The Board Members discussed and suggested the inclusion of these two additional federal programs for inclusion in Chair Schlosser's letter, which should be completed for transmittal to the Mayor and City Council as soon as possible, preferably before the next meeting.

11. **Board Members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items** – **Discussion** Board Members

No additional items were discussed.

12. **Updates and reminders** – Tim Conner
Anthony Floyd
Next EQAB Regular Meeting 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday,
May15, 2019, at the Scottsdale **Community Design Studio**,
7506 E. Indian School Road

Next Green Building Lecture Series Thursday, June 6, 2019
Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85257:

“Cutting Edge Residential & Commercial Green High-Performance Buildings”

Adjournment: 7:45 p.m.

Chair



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