SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: 
Alisa McMahon, Chair
Larry Person, Vice-Chair
Candice Gimbel, Board Member (arrived at 5:45)
Bruce Travers, Board Member
Michel Hulst, Board Member
Dane Englert, Board Member
Steven Schlosser, Board Member (telephonically)

STAFF PRESENT: 
Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Paul Basha, Transportation Director

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:
None provided, one member of the public present to speak to agenda item #5

1. Introduction of new Board Members Dane Englert and Steven Schlosser - Discussion

2. Presentation of Transportation Master Plan update and process - Discussion

Chair & Board Members
Paul Basha, Transportation Director
3. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes -- Regular Meeting: September 16, 2015. Possible action**  

   **MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 3**  
   
   Corrections were provided by Chair McMahon. Board Member Gimbel provided a motion to approve minutes with the provided corrections from the Chair, Board Member Travers provided a second to the motion; MOTION APPROVED 7-0  

4. **Administrative Report - Discussion**  
   
   - Updates and opportunities – Conner  
   - Sunset Packet for Audit Committee - Conner  

5. **Past Member Floyd Marsh presenting summary of the following topics:**  
   
   - **October 6, 2015, 3-minute Public Comment presentation of the Environmental Achievement Recognition Program to City Council**  
     Mr. Marsh stated that he and Vice-Chair Person had met with Jennifer Mueller, Sr. Director of Engineering at the Hyatt Regency, Gainey Ranch to discuss the opportunity of being the first business to be recognized by the Board for the Environmental Achievement Recognition Program. Mr. Marsh reminded the Board that there would need to be a new EQAB member to step up to champion this program as he and Mr. Hermann are no longer members.  
   
   - **October 6, 2015, Salinity Rebate Pilot Program Summary Report received by City Council through the Consent Agenda**  
     Mr. Marsh provided a brief summary of the recent update to Council by the Water Resources Department on the Scottsdale Unsalted water softener replacement rebate program’s first year.  
   
   - **Review of the latest numbers of the Salinity Rebate Pilot Program**
• **Submittal to the Board a white paper on Alternative Water Softening Technologies**

Mr. Marsh referenced his latest draft of the white paper discussing alternative water softener technologies that do not contribute to the salinity of our wastewater stream. He explained that he wanted to tie it to the *Scottsdale Unsalted* program to strengthen ties to the Water Resources Department’s efforts. He asked for comments from the board.

Staff member Conner suggested that the executive summary be revised with consideration of a layman audience noting that the technical information was well covered in the body of the document. He suggested that bullet points referencing the following may be a consideration:

- The problem of salinity and the fact that the water softener contributions to the problem are one thing that might be controlled by the City
- The technologies explored
- Recommendations or ranking of the explored technologies
- And a statement of the need to continue to explore advances in alternate technologies.

Board Member Schlosser stated that he felt the document was well researched and contained valuable information. He did suggest a similar consideration as Mr. Conner’s for the revision of the executive summary, and added that it would be very important to include the costly alternative of not addressing the issue in this manner. That could result in a need for a very costly city scale desalinization process.

Board Member Schlosser requested that a word document version be made available to the board for editing and comments. He stressed that the impact of “doing nothing” needed to be highlighted in the executive summary.

Mr. Marsh said he would consider providing a word document version, but also said he was concerned about multiple editing efforts at a micro level and the house keeping required keeping several change tracked documents in play while
attempting to consolidate comments that he felt were appropriate to the content of the document. He said he was somewhat concerned with creating focus on wordsmithing verses focusing on bulleted items that would help in reorganizing and revising the document’s key points. He also acknowledged that the document should probably be reviewed to reduce the length without losing the important content. For those reasons he asked the board for focused larger comments in a bullet point format. He would then use that feed back to revise the document and return to the board at the next meeting. He asked that all comments be received by him no later than November 5th, 2015. He also brought forward the need for a new champion on the Board to assure that this topic was moved forward to the Council and the City’s Water Resources Department.

Board Member Schlosser volunteered to take on the task of oversight of the white paper and this topic for the future.

**Discussion and Possible Action**

No action taken

6. **Possible communication to Water Resources’ Executive Director regarding additional comments for future revisions of the City’s Drought Management Plan – Discussion and possible action**

   Item to be moved to a future agenda

7. **Updated overview of progress for the idle reduction during student pickup and drop off at Scottsdale Unified School District. Discuss next steps for EQAB. – Discussion and possible action**

   Item to be moved to a future agenda

8. **Discussion regarding possible City participation in the United Nations Climate Summit Compact of Mayors – Discussion**

   Item to be moved to a future agenda
9. **Board discussion and possible action regarding the development of the 2015-2016 EQAB work program topics list – Discussion and possible action**

   Item to be moved to a future agenda

10. **Board Members’ reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items – Discussion**

11. **Updates and reminders –**
    - Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m.
    - Next Green Building Lecture – Series resumes November 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Granite Reef Sr. Center. Topic: Scottsdale’s New Green Standards: Working with Developers to Create Green Homes
    - Additional announcements by Board Members & Staff

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m.