*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES*
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2016
Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Alisa McMahon, Chair
        Steven Schlosser, Vice-Chair
        Michel Hulst, Board Member
        Dane Englert, Board Member
        Arnold Siegel, Board Member

ABSENT: Bruce Travers, Board Member
        Candice Gimbel, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
                Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives
                Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives
                Brian Biesemeyer, Scottsdale Water
                Gina Kirklin, City Treasurer’s Office
                Leslie DeReche, City Treasurer’s Office

Call to Order:
Chair McMahon called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:42 p.m.

Roll Call:
A formal roll call took place confirming the members present as stated above.

Public Comment:
Three (3) members of the public (one adult and two children) were present, no public comment was received

1. **Presentation Central Arizona Project pending rate increases:** Gina Kirklin, & Brian Biesemeyer
   Impacts on Scottsdale rate structures for Scottsdale water users – Discussion

* Note: These are summary action minutes only. A complete copy of the meeting audio is available on the Environmental Quality Advisory Board web page located at Scottsdaleaz.gov, search “Environmental Quality Advisory Board”
Brian Biesemeyer, Scottsdale Water Director, provided a presentation of the background of proposed rate and fee increases for water and wastewater treatment for Scottsdale citizens over the next fiscal year. He explained Scottsdale Water is an enterprise fund meaning rates and fees must recover all direct and indirect costs of providing the service to the citizens. He also explained the rates were based on multi-year financial plans. Mr. Biesemeyer reviewed significant cost drivers which will impact rates and fees. These include the Central Arizona Project (CAP) rates due to drought conditions and other CAP capital costs. Additionally, Mr. Biesemeyer reviewed significant capital costs for maintaining, replacing, and expanding the Scottsdale Water service infrastructure. Finally, he reviewed the increased costs involved in producing potable water, and water reclamation. Mr. Biesemeyer concluded with a comparison of rates and fees of Scottsdale Water with those of other major valley cities. He pointed out Scottsdale Water appears to be about in the middle of that pack.

The Board expressed their appreciation for Scottsdale Water’s explanation of these rate and fees increases. One member of the Board commented, compared to California where he had previously lived, Scottsdale Water rates and fees are a bargain.

2. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes:** Regular Meeting January 18, 2017 – Possible action

   **MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 2**

   Vice-Chair Schlosser provided a motion to approve the January 18, 2017 EQAB Regular Meeting Summarized Meeting Minutes as submitted, Board Member Hulst provided a second to the motion; 

   **MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

3. **Administrative Report:** Discussion
   - Updates and opportunities – Conner
   - Green Building Lecture Series update – Floyd
   - Legislative updates – Conner

4. **Review of Letter from Chair to Council:** regarding suggestion of keeping much of the General Plan Task Force work for the 2035 Draft General Plan – Discussion and possible action

   Chair McMahon reviewed a draft memo she had prepared for Council
regarding the topic of the draft General Plan 2035 suggesting the Council reconsider retaining the majority of the General Plan Task Force’s work.

Vice-Chair Schlosser suggested replacing the phrase in the second paragraph, second sentence of “not throw out” with the phrase “not reject”.

**MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 4**

Vice-Chair Schlosser provided a motion to approve the letter of support for the General Plan 2035 Task Force Recommended Draft to the Mayor and City Council with the revision of replacing the phrase “not throw out” with the phrase “not reject” in the second paragraph, second sentence, Board Member Siegel provided a second to the motion; MOTION APPROVED 5-0

5. **Update of approved action to submit idling campaign for publication in City Scottsdale Update newsletter water bill insert:**
   Discussion and possible action

   No action was taken

   Chair McMahon provided an updated version of the 2008-2009 program. She noted she had revised most of the messages and added two new messages and icons. Additionally she noted the new campaign title “Idling Gets You Nowhere”. The Chair explained she was seeking a meeting with Mike Phillips of the Scottsdale Communications Office to discuss options for getting the message out and reviewing the revised program with him.

6. **Potential draft General Plan modifications in light of the Solid Waste Vision and Strategic Plan and school transportation recommendations:** Consider EQAB recommendations – Discussion and possible action

   No action was taken

   Chair McMahon suggested this item be discussed at a future meeting.
   Mr. Conner noted the packet contained the direction to staff from the Council at the December 1, 2016 Work Study Session meeting.

7. **Environmental Achievement Recognition Program:** Discuss possible award nominations for the 2017 calendar year and how the Board may increase publicity surrounding the award recipient and
program – Discussion and possible action

No action was taken
Chair McMahon announced she had been contacted by the Bell Lexus auto dealership. The dealership had decided not to apply for the award and recognition.

8. **Community Solid Waste/Recycling Vision and Strategic Plan**: Discussion of Board Member’s comments and possible recommendations for the Community Solid Waste/Recycling Vision and Strategic Plan draft presented by Dan Worth, Public Works Director at the November 16, 2016 EQAB meeting. – Discussion and possible action

Chair McMahon introduced additional comments she had submitted to Mr. Worth. She expressed concerns about the plan, including not yet seeing any updated drafts incorporating comments from EQAB or others. The Chair also suggested the board be diligent in their continued review and comment on the plan as soon as possible. Provide those comments to Mr. Conner for his transmittal to Mr. Worth.

**MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 8**

Vice-Chair Schlosser provided a motion to allow the Chair to draft and send a letter to the Public Works Director, Dan Worth, asking him to provide information to the board about revisions to the November 1, 2016 draft document incorporating input provided by the Board and other boards and commissions. In addition the Board would like to see a comprehensive listing of the board and commission, and other public comments with some indication of reasoning as to the comments’ inclusion or exclusion into a future updated draft. The Chair may also voice concern from the Board regarding the proposed time frame for possible presentation to City Council due to the lack of the above stated missing information. The Chair may also request a meeting with Mr. Worth if she believes it would help to convey the Boards reservations. Board Member Englert provided a second to the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 5-0**


Chair McMahon
The item was not discussed due to meeting time constraints. **No action was taken.**

10. **Idle Reduction Resource Packet:** Progress update of the approved resource packet for idle reduction during student pick up and drop off at Scottsdale schools. Discuss next steps for EQAB distribution of final packet. – Discussion and possible action

The Chair briefed the Board on the progress of the resource packet. She stated she would do her best to return to the Board with a final product at the next meeting.

**No action was taken**

11. **Scottsdale Water School Drinking Water Testing** – Discussion and possible action

A general discussion of the topic took place. It was determined the issue was being addressed, but the outcomes had not yet been reported by ADEQ.

**No action was taken**

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

Vice-Chair Schlosser requested items 9 & 10 be moved to an earlier place on next Meeting’s agenda.

13. **Updates and reminders** –

- Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Community Design Studio 5:30 p.m. – Documents related to this meeting will be due to Tim Conner – tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov by the close of business Monday, April 17, 2017.
- Next Green Building Lecture Series Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scottsdale Granite Reef Sr. Center – Topic: Guaranteed Fresh Air: How to Get It Indoors and Keep It.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 7:52 p.m.
TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB)

CC: Jim Thompson, City Manager
Randy Grant, Planning and Development Director
Erin Perrault, Long Range Planning Manager
Tim Conner, Environmental Initiatives Manager

DATE: March 15, 2017

RE: Support for the General Plan 2035 Task Force Recommended Draft

The Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) actively participated in the General Plan 2035 Task Force process. EQAB submitted recommendations principally for the Environment Chapter as well as a few elements within the Community Well-Being and Revitalization chapters. EQAB supported the General Plan 2035 Task Force Recommended Draft with respect to the elements we worked on and the Environment Chapter in particular.

EQAB respectfully asks the Council to reconsider the staff direction given at the December 1, 2016 Work Study Session – direction to essentially bring forward “a simple update of General Plan 2001.” More specifically, EQAB asks that Council not throw out the General Plan 2035 Task Force Recommended Draft and not in its stead put forth an outdated 2001-era “General Plan 2035.” Conflicts over the Land Use Element notwithstanding, it remains EQAB’s opinion that the work completed during the Task Force process generally – and on the environmental-related elements in particular – is superior and far more appropriate for guiding the future of our city.

For these reasons, while the Land Use Element may require further work, EQAB encourages the Council to retain the bulk of the General Plan 2035 Task Force Recommended Draft.

Respectfully,

Dr. Alisa McMahon
Chair, Environmental Quality Advisory Board

1 Amended Marked Agenda - Scottsdale City Council Work Study Session - December 1, 2016