*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES*
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT:       Alisa McMahon, Chair
               Steven Schlosser, Vice-Chair
               Bruce Travers, Board Member (left at 7:38 p.m.)
               Candice Gimbel, Board Member
               Dane Englert, Board Member
               Arnold Siegel, Board Member

ABSENT:        Michel Hulst, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
               Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives
               Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives
               Dan Worth, Director of Public Works
               Erin Walsh, PIO Public Works

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:
Two (2) members of the public were present, Mr. Doug Oberhamer, Culligan Water, and Ms. Meghan McCabe, Triadvocates. No public comment was received.

* 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”
1. **Community Solid Waste/Recycling Vision and Strategic Plan**: Update and progress discussion of the Community Solid Waste/Recycling Vision and Strategic Plan draft presented by Dan Worth, Public Works Director. – Discussion and possible action

Mr. Worth provided the Board with an updated version of the *Community Solid Waste and Recycling Strategic Plan*. He also described a number of updates he had made to the plan referring to input from the Board and other groups.

Ms. Erin Walsh provided an overview of the results to date of the web driven survey. There appears to be broad support from the survey respondents to increase single family solid waste charges a few dollars more to expand the City’s recycling efforts including those for commercial and multi-family.

Mr. Worth acknowledged the final residential survey question could have been worded better. The question could have asked: should businesses be required to have recycling service? This will be something Mr. Worth is willing to put forward for Council consideration; however, he stated his read of the Council is they would be reluctant to utilize mandates for businesses, but possibly there might be some opportunities for multi-family recycling. He qualified this by stating there are several physical planning issues which need to be addressed to facilitate such a requirement.

Board Member Dane Englert suggested the goals in the latest version of the plan seem to be easily attainable and set the bar too low. Mr. Worth stated they were only established as starting places and could be updated periodically. Mr. Worth did acknowledge the multi-family goal is a big step in moving the program forward and may not be easily achievable.

Chair McMahon suggested the board have more time to provide additional comments and requested the City Council process not move forward prior to the Council summer recess.

**MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 1**

Chair McMahon moved to request Mr. Worth postpone submitting the latest draft plan to a formal City Council meeting until after the Council Summer Break to allow EQAB to make further comments and allow Mr. Worth to incorporate those comments. The earliest regular City Council
meeting after the summer break will be August 28, 2017, Board Member Englert provided a second to the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 6-0**

2. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes:** Regular Meeting March 15, 2017 – Possible action

   **MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 2**

   Vice - Chair Schlosser provided a motion to approve the March 15, 2017 EQAB Regular Meeting Summarized Meeting Minutes as submitted, Board Member Siegel provided a second to the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 5-0-1 with Board Member Gimbel Abstaining**

3. **Administrative Report:** Discussion
   - Updates and opportunities – Conner
   - Green Building Lecture Series update – Floyd
   - General Plan Letter of recommendation to Council – Chair McMahon
   - Scottsdale Schools’ drinking water testing update – Siegel

   Board Member Siegel proposed a major press event to highlight the efforts of both Scottsdale school districts and Scottsdale Water's proactive testing and the outcomes of those tests.

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

   No action was taken

   Chair McMahon updated the Board that she had been working with Chief of Staff Rachel Smetana and Communications Director Kelly Corsette to develop a final document which was agreeable to all parties involved. The document will include an abbreviated introduction for now and components of the packet have been reordered. The final packet should return to the Board at a future meeting for final approval and distribution.

5. **Update of the community idle reduction campaign “Idling Gets You Nowhere”** – Discussion and possible action

   Chair McMahon
No action was taken

Chair McMahon informed the Board of meetings with Mike Phillips of City of Scottsdale’s Office of Communication. She shared a summary of Office of Communication Outreach Tools received from Mr. Phillips. Chair McMahon is working with Mr. Phillips to develop a campaign schedule utilizing the various Outreach Tools. She announced that Mr. Phillips plans to include the first message in the June/July Scottsdale Update to be distributed with the May utility bills. Chair McMahon sought the Board’s opinion about including the Idling Gets You Nowhere campaign in the School Transportation Resource Packet.

6. **White Paper for alternative water softener technologies:** Update progress for the final draft white paper “Scottsdale Unsalted”: A Review of Alternative Salt-Free Water Treatment Technologies for Effective Salinity Management and the Board’s Cover Memo to City Council. Discussion of recommendations to Council – Discussion and possible action

Chair McMahon & Board

No action was taken

Chair McMahon stated this item had not been developed further. For that reason, no further discussion took place for this topic.

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

Chair McMahon & Board

No action was taken

Chair McMahon encouraged the Board to seek out future award candidates. No new candidates have been identified as of the meeting date.

8. **Proposed Budget Cuts to EPA and WaterSense Programs:** - Discussion and possible action

Chair McMahon & Board

Chair McMahon provided several documents to the Board regarding program cuts in the President’s proposed budget. She specifically highlighted cuts to WaterSense, Energy Star and energy efficiency programs within the Department of Energy. These EPA and DOE
programs impact the City directly, for example, the water conservation rebate program, Green Building Program, and adopted building codes and amendments. The Chair encouraged all members to write their congress members to encourage them to oppose such cuts.

**MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 8**

Vice - Chair Schlosser provided a motion to write a letter to the Mayor and City Council requesting the City officially advocate to the US Congress to retain the proposed Federal programs planned for budget cuts or wholesale program cuts including the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) WaterSense and Energy Star programs, and the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Building Energy Code Program (BECP) which supports updated research for the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) adopted by the City, Board Member Englert provided a second to the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

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

Scottsdale Drinking Water Testing Press Event Proposal

10. **Updates and reminders –**

   - Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 17, 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, May 15, 2017
   - Next Green Building Lecture Series Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scottsdale Granite Reef Sr. Center – Topic: Using Radiant Barriers to Keep the Heat Out

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.