*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES*
City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 21, 2017
Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT:
Alisa McMahon, Chair
Steven Schlosser, Vice-Chair (attended telephonically)
Bruce Travers, Board Member
Dane Englert, Board Member
Arnold Siegel, Board Member

ABSENT:
Michel Hulst, 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

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:

One member of the public was present, no public comment was received.

1. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes**: Regular Meeting May 17, 2017 – Possible action

   **MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 2**

   Board Member Travers provided a motion to approve the May 17, 2017 EQAB Regular Meeting Summarized Meeting Minutes with an edit to

* 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”
agenda item #6 striking the words “and cover memo”, Chair McMahon provided a second to the motion; MOTION APPROVED 4-0

2. **Administrative Report**: - Discussion
   - Updates and opportunities – Conner
   - Green Building Lecture Series update – Floyd
   - Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Update – Siegel
   Board Member Siegel reported Scottsdale Water took the lead in testing for lead in public schools and community centers in Scottsdale. To date very few test results came back positive, those that did were mainly in older schools. Scottsdale Water will be extending the offer to now test private schools in Scottsdale.
   - Idling Gets You Nowhere Campaign memo to Council and program update - McMahon

3. **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 April 19, 2017 EQAB meeting and any updated versions received. – Discussion and possible action

   **Discussion, no action taken.**

   **Policy 1. Recycling – single family residential**

   Objective:
   Increase diversion of single family residential curbside single stream recycling (e.g., metal, glass, plastic, paper) to
   30% end of FY 2019-2020
   40% end of FY 2024-2025
   50% end of FY 2029-2030
   by weight of all municipal solid waste collected from single-family homes, including refuse, recycling and brush and bulk.

   **Policy 2. Recycling – City of Scottsdale facilities and programs, including special events and public spaces**

   What is the composition of City waste? What is the current City recycling rate? Meaningful recycling target rates cannot be set without this information. Chair McMahon has asked Solid Waste to provide refuse and recycling tonnages collected from the City for each of the last three years.
In what category – City, multi-family or commercial – should public drop-offs be counted? The drop-offs do not contain City-generated material. However, since a) the drop-offs are used by both multi-family and commercial and b) costs/income are paid/received by the City, the drop-offs should be counted under City.

**Policy 3. Recycling – multi-family residential**

The current draft of the plan states: “. . . the City does not require private waste haulers to report information that would allow calculation of diversion rates for those complexes they serve.” However, City Code Sec. 16-487 does require this reporting.

What is the current multi-family recycling rate for Scottsdale Solid Waste Department customers? Chair McMahon has asked Solid Waste to provide refuse and recycling tonnages collected from the department’s multi-family accounts for a) the year since the rate increase, b) the year prior to the rate increase, and c) the year prior to that. What is the current multi-family recycling rate for private hauler customers? Without private hauler reports, we lack the data needed to set quantitative goals.

**Objective:**


**Strategies:**

- Private haulers licensed in Scottsdale must offer recycling service to their multi-family customers.
- Private haulers licensed in Scottsdale must offer recycling service to their multi-family customers and the charge for recycling service may be no greater than the charge to collect the material as refuse.
- Require multi-family properties to provide recycling service for their residents.

**Policy 4. Recycling – commercial**

The current draft of the plan states: “. . . the City does not require private waste haulers to report information that would allow calculation of diversion rates for those commercial entities they serve . . .” However, City Code Sec. 16-487 does require this reporting.
What is the current commercial recycling rate for Scottsdale Solid Waste Department customers? Chair McMahon has asked Solid Waste to provide refuse and recycling tonnages collected from the department’s non-multi-family commercial accounts for a) the year since the rate increase, b) the year prior to the rate increase, and c) the year prior to that. What is the current commercial recycling rate for private hauler customers? Without private hauler reports, we lack the data needed to set quantitative goals.

Objective:
Collect four quarters of data during FY 2017-2018. Set quantitative objectives by end of first quarter FY 2018-2019. During FY 2017-2018, despite the absence of quantitative objectives, implement strategies to increase commercial recycling, including legislation.

Strategies:
- Private haulers licensed in Scottsdale must offer recycling service to their commercial customers.
- Private haulers licensed in Scottsdale must offer recycling service to their commercial customers and the charge for recycling service may be no greater than the charge to collect the material as refuse.
- Require commercial properties to subscribe to recycling service.

Policy 5.
This policy has became a grab bag. The background focuses on reduction. The objective focuses on education. The strategies include Solid Waste Department efficiencies transferred from deleted Policy 9.

With the possible exception of Policy 7, all the policies require education strategies. This objective is a strategy elevated to the level of an objective.

Recommendation: delete Policy 5

Policy 6. Encourage the recycling and/or reuse of building materials to reduce construction and demolition waste.

A Scottsdale amendment to the IgCC reduced the construction waste diversion requirement from 50% to 35%.

What is the available infrastructure within the Valley to scale up C & D diversion?
The objective as presently written is already met. Need additional objectives.

Policy 7. Identify opportunities to use solid waste and recycled materials as marketable commodities.

Strategies would involve public-private partnerships and partnering with regional groups. Could we engage Economic Development?

Is there an opportunity for the City to take over a commodity that is already recycled and make it more profitable?

The objective as presently written is vague and unmeasurable. SMART objectives needed.

Policy 8. Organics

Organics diversion for all sectors – single family residential, City, multi-family residential and commercial – should fall under Policy 8 because organics and traditional recycling are operationally distinct and separate waste streams.

What is the available infrastructure within the Valley to scale up organics diversion?

Additional objectives:

- Private contractors who work for the city must, per contract, divert green waste from landfill.
- City crews must divert green waste from landfill.
- By __date__, implement a pilot third bin organic collection program for single family residential customers.
- Add organics infrastructure to Future Capital Projects List.

General - Every objective must be reviewed every year. Every objective must include a responsible party.
4. **Board Members’ reports, updates, and suggestions for future agenda items – Discussion**

   Board Member Siegel requested to discuss lead testing press event and proposed an idea for a video for the idling campaign.

5. **Updates and reminders –**
   - Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, July 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, July 17, 2017.
   - Green Building Lecture Series is on summer break. Next lecture is scheduled for the fall of 2017

**Adjournment:** The Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m.