*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES*

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT:
Alisa McMahon, Chair
Steven Schlosser, Board Member
Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Board Member (departed at 5:50)
Tammy Bosse, Board Member (arrived at 4:20)
Arnold Siegel, Board Member
Anthony Coletta, Board Member (arrived at 5:40)

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:
Chair McMahon called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 4:05 p.m.

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

Public Comment:
2-citizens were present, no public comment was received

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1. **Administrative Report: – Discussion**
   - Updates and opportunities – Conner
   - Green Building Lecture – Floyd
   - Energy – Floyd
   - WaterSense Authorization – McMahon

2. **Environmental Achievement Recognition Award: Discuss nominations received and next steps. – Discussion and possible action**

   Katie Flanigan of Juice Core was not in attendance. Vice-Chair Schlosser stated his support for Witnessing Nature in Food.

   Chair McMahon told the Board she had visited Ms. Johnson at the commercial kitchen and felt Witnessing Nature in Food was deserving of the award. The Chair indicated Ms. Johnson had provided additional statistics regarding the business, and with increased volume, Ms. Johnson has even more ability to prevent food waste.

   Board Member Chrisman Lazarr stated Ms. Johnson is a good example of applying the concepts EQAB promotes and particularly likes that she reaches out to schools.

   Board Member Siegel also agreed, stating he felt Witnessing Nature in Food is a good example of a small green business.

   Chair McMahon provided a final publicity summary for this award cycle as a resource for the next award cycle.

   **MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 2**

   Vice-Chair Schlosser provided a motion to award the 2018 Environmental Achievement Recognition Award to Witnessing Nature in Food, Board Member Chrisman Lazarr provided a second for the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 4-0**

   Chair McMahon – Yes
   Vice-Chair Schlosser – Yes
   Board Member Siegel – Yes

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Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes

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

Chair McMahon stated she had met with Senior Assistant City Attorney Janis Bladine and they discussed having a second meeting. The second meeting did not take place. Ms. Bladine called Chair McMahon to say that the process would not be continued until after EQAB’s Sunset Review and that City Attorney Bruce Washburn would call the City Auditor to explain that nothing further would be submitted to the Audit Committee.

Chair McMahon further related that at the Audit Committee meeting, Councilmember Korte stated she would request an agenda item for the Council to direct the City Manager to work with staff, legal and EQAB to revise EQAB’s purpose, powers and duties and bring a proposed ordinance to the Council. Councilwoman Littlefield indicated she would join Councilmember Korte on that request and complemented Chair McMahon for the work EQAB has done on its proposed Purpose, Powers and Duties. Councilmember Korte was also very complimentary and commented that when she looks at the proposed items, it seems EQAB is already doing a lot of it and EQAB’s proposal is not rogue.

The Audit Committee approved to recommend to Council the Environmental Quality Advisory Board be retained.

No action was taken

4. Organic Land Management Pilot Program: Review discussions-to-date with Scottsdale’s Parks & Recreation Dept concerning Beyond Pesticides’ Organic Land Management pilot program in Scottsdale. Review alternative pilot program. Discuss next steps. – Discussion and possible action

Chair McMahon
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Members

Board Member Coletta briefed the Board on a meeting that took place with the Chair, Parks & Recreation Management, the Planning Director, Tim Conner (telephonically) and Sam Brown. Board Member Coletta provided a brief presentation to the group on organic turf management.

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Board Member Coletta stated he believed Parks & Recreation will go through with the pilot program. Parks & Recreation Management also planned to reach out to their contacts at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. Board Member Coletta stated there was still work to do before the pilot program could be initiated. Board Member Coletta will continue to follow this process.

Chair McMahon stated that in response to a question raised in the meeting, she reached out to Tucson to ask why the city was working with Toxin Free Pima County and Non Toxic Neighborhoods instead of the U of A Cooperative Extension. The response she received was that Monsanto is a large donor to the College of Agriculture.

Chair McMahon announced that Non Toxic Neighborhoods, an outgrowth of Non Toxic Irvine, is now offering, in conjunction with the City of Irvine, a pilot program much like Beyond Pesticides’ program. The Chair is obtaining information from Non Toxic Neighborhoods to share with Parks and Recreation.

No action was taken

5. Councilmember Korte’s challenge to elevate and advance environmental initiatives: Follow-up discussion to last month’s staff presentation and materials provided. Discuss the board’s approach to the challenge and next steps. – Discussion and possible action

Vice-Chair Schlosser expressed the essential need for a Chief Environmental Officer, an internal champion, to develop an environmental vision and actualize it. He pointed out that municipalities who have an environmental leader with position power – high level management speaking to high level management – get effective response.

Board Member Bosse stated that an Energy Manager position would save money in the city budget. Discussion ensued as to how to put that argument together.

Board members agreed that the environmental office should be relocated within the city organization, preferably to the City Manager’s office. Among other reasons, a Chief Environmental Officer located within the City Manager’s office would be able to overcome pushback from Facilities, Fleet, and other departments.

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No action was taken

6. **Chair Report: Updates and discussion – Discussion and possible action**

   No action was taken. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

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

   There were no items brought forward and no discussion took place.

8. **Updates and reminders –**

   - Next EQAB Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at **One Civic Center, 7447 E Indian School Rd.** 5:30 p.m. in conference room immediately adjacent to RECORDS. Documents related to this meeting will be due to Tim Conner tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov by the close of business Monday, December 10, 2018.
   - Green Building Lecture Series. Next lecture is on December 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Granite Reef Senior Center. Topic – Future Proofing: Carbon Neutrality & Energy Efficiency in New & Existing Buildings

Adjournment: Chair McMahon adjourned the Meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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