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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 23, 2019
One Civic Center – CD 1 Conference Room
7447 E Indian School Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

PRESENT: Tammy Bosse, Acting Chair
Steven Schlosser, Vice Chair
Anthony Coletta, Board Member
Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Board Member
Arnold Siegel, Board Member
David Abranovic, Board Member
Ryan Johnson, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Randy Grant, Planning & Community Development Director
Rachel Smetana, Mayor's Office Chief of Staff

ELECTED OFFICIAL: Councilwoman Solange Whitehead

Call to Order:

Vice Chair Schlosser called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

Four citizens were present. No formal public comments were received.

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1. **Introduction of New Member**

Vice Chair
Schlosser

Ryan Johnson was introduced and welcomed as a new board member followed by board member and staff self-introductions.

2. **Election of 2019 EQAB Officers**

Vice Chair
Schlosser

1st MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM #2

Board Member Bosse provided a motion to elect Vice Chair Schlosser as Chair, Board member Siegel provided a second for the motion.

MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

Vice Chair Schlosser -Yes
Board Member Bosse – Yes
Board Member Seigel – Yes
Board Member Coletta – Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Abranovic – Yes
Board Member Johnson – Yes

2nd MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM #2

Board Member Johnson provided a motion to elect Board Member Bosse as Vice Chair, Board member Schlosser provided a second for the motion. **MOTION APPROVED 7-0.**

Chair Schlosser -Yes
Board Member Bosse – Yes
Board Member Seigel – Yes
Board Member Coletta – Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Abranovic – Yes
Board Member Johnson – Yes

3. **Discussion of Planning for a 2020 Earth Day Event(s):** Discussion and possible action.

Rachel
Smetana &
Board

Staff member Smetana discussed the Mayor's support for a 50th anniversary Earth Day event. She suggested that the kick-off could occur with a Mayor's Breakfast.

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Board Member Bosse stated that this could be a year-long theme incorporated into City events throughout the year. If the Mayor's office would be interested in initiating this leadership request that City Staff incorporate an Earth Day / Sustainability theme into events like the Scottsdale Arts Festival, the Canal Convergence, and Sunday Affair, etc., then the impact could be greater without adding more projects that need staff and volunteer time.

Chair Schlosser recommended reaching out to the school districts, library board and staff to help provide an educational component. Ms. Smetana agreed to connect with the library board and Board Member Johnson noted that some of the schools are already adding some sustainability focus and that he would be willing to connect with the school representatives. It was mentioned that Pierce Energy Group works within schools on energy savings and other school projects.

Board Member Johnson suggested that the City could use the Earth Day celebrations to show our commitment to sustainability and announce the launch of some major sustainability initiatives (e.g. 2030 goals, an elevated focus on sustainability, water use, less waste, solar and other renewable energies, etc.). It was mentioned that the Sustainable Cities Network has a "Greening Events Implementation Guide" that could be utilized to make the Earth Day events themselves green.

Other ideas submitted included: a service project, possibly working with non-profits, for example AZ Sustainability Alliance; a bring-your-own-bottle to work and to events project; low water use landscaping project education classes, a trash art competition, and a strong focus on water.

No action was taken.

4. **Review and possible approval of EQAB 2019 Meeting Schedule:**

Chair

Discussion and possible action.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM #4

Board Member Lazarr provided a motion to approve the proposed EQAB 2019 Meeting Schedule as submitted, Board Member Siegel provided a second for the motion. **MOTION APPROVED 7-0.**

Chair Schlosser -Yes

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Board Member Seigel – Yes
Board Member Coletta – Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Abranovic – Yes
Board Member Johnson – Yes

5. **Review and possible approval of EQAB 2018 Annual Report:** Chair
Discussion and possible action.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM #5

Chair Schlosser provided a motion to approve the proposed EQAB 2018 Annual Report as submitted, Vice Chair Bosse provided a second for the motion. **MOTION APPROVED 7-0.**

Chair Schlosser -Yes
Vice Chair Bosse – Yes
Board Member Seigel – Yes
Board Member Coletta – Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Abranovic – Yes
Board Member Johnson – Yes

6. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes:** Regular Meeting Chair
December 12, 2018 – Possible action.

No action was taken, and the minutes will be reviewed for approval at the February 20, 2019 meeting.

7. **Past Chair Report:** Discussion and possible action. Chair, Board & Past Chair
McMahon

Past Chair McMahon introduced board members to the “City of Scottsdale Drought Management Plan 2015-2019” in preparation for its 2019 update. She informed board members that Scottsdale Water will seek input from EQAB in the update process. She pointed out that the 2015-2019 plan emphasizes supply-side management strategies. She also provided a Drought Management Advisory prepared by EQAB in 2016 and suggested board members particularly review the second recommendation which encourages a greater emphasis on demand-side strategies.

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Past Chair McMahon introduced board members to the City's "2019 State Legislative Agenda" and Government Relations Office. She suggested that the board may want to review the 2020 State Legislative Agenda. She also provided an overview of three bills that have been introduced in the 2019 Legislature that have relevance to city operations: high efficiency plumbing fixtures, repeal of the prohibition of local regulation of auxiliary containers (such as single-use containers and plastic bags), and repeal of the prohibition on local requirements for energy measuring and reporting.

No action was taken.

8. **Administrative Report:** Discussion. Tim Conner &
Anthony Floyd
 - Updates and opportunities – Conner
 - December 6, 2018 Green Building Lecture – Floyd

9. **Organic Land Management Pilot Program:** Discussion and possible action. Chair, Board
& Sam Brown

Sam Brown provided an update concerning his understanding of the Scottsdale Parks and Recreation (P&Rec) Department's position on the Board-recommended 'Beyond Pesticides' Organic Land Management pilot program. P&Rec is considering test-plot options but has not embraced the Board's preferred recommendation. Vice Chair Bosse proposed that it is important for the Board to stay focused on recommending the concept of an organic land management option for a test program. After the staff description of the interaction with P&Rec and Board discussion, Vice-Chair Bosse proposed that the Board begin compiling all necessary materials and information in order to move towards a communication and possible recommendation to City Council for an organic land management pilot program to help the City better assess some options. There was general support for proceeding with encouraging both less toxic options, and non-toxic options. Mr. Brown indicated that the Office of Environmental Initiatives has provided P&Rec with a draft outline for an Integrated Pest Management Plan that lays out the framework for reducing both the quantity and toxicity of herbicides used by P&Rec for turf management. Based on all the discussion, Chair Schlosser offered to prepare a first draft of a communication / possible recommendation regarding the pilot program for board member input.

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No action was taken.

10. **Environmental Achievement Recognition Award:** Discussion and possible action. Chair & Board

The Board agreed by consensus to make the award presentation at the April 2, 2019 City Council meeting. Vice Chair Bosse and Board Member Lazarr will prepare the presentation. The award type will be selected for mounting on a wall.

No action was taken.

11. **Councilmember Korte's challenge to elevate and advance environmental initiatives:** Discussion and possible action. Chair & Board

The Board had a short discussion of efforts to advance environmental initiatives with city council's support.

No action was taken.

12. **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 & Board

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM #12

Board Member Chrisman Lazarr provided a motion to grant Chair Schlosser the ability to create a cover letter in support of the proposed changes of the EQAB Purpose, Powers, and Duties dated 9/11/18 and approved by the Board on 10/17/18, and attach the approved document and the supporting materials as a packet to be submitted by Mr. Conner to the Mayor, Council, City Manager, Planning and Development Director, and the City Clerk prior to the scheduled February 12, 2019 City Council Study Session. Board Member Johnson provided a second for the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 7-0**

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Vice Chair Bosse - Yes
Board Member Seigel - Yes
Board Member Coletta – Yes

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Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Abranovic – Yes
Board Member Johnson - Yes

13. **Board Members' Reports, Updates and Suggestions for future agenda items:** Discussion Chair & Board
14. **Updates and Reminders:** – Chair & staff
- Next EQAB Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at the Scottsdale Community Design Studio, 7506 E Indian School Road.
 - Next Green Building Lecture Series Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scottsdale Granite Reef Sr. Center – Topic: Edible Landscapes.
- Adjournment:** Environmental Quality Advisory Board adjourned at 8:46 p.m. Chair

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