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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 20, 2019
Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives
Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives

Call to Order:

Tim Conner 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 all members present, as stated above.

Public Comment:

Two citizens were present, no public comment was received

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1. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes: Regular Meetings December 12, 2018 and January 23, 2019 – Possible action** Tim Conner

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 1

Chair Schlosser provided a motion to approve the draft EQAB Regular Meeting minutes from December 12, 2018. Vice Chair Bosse provided a second for the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 7-0**

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

Chair Schlosser deferred approval of Jan 23 Meeting Minutes until next EQAB meeting.

2. **Discussion of EQAB Priorities for CY2019: - Discussion and possible action** Chair,
Board Members

The Board was provided with the listing of aspirational opportunities for CY2019, copied from the last three sections of the 2018 EQAB Annual Report. Board members agreed to select (from the list) or develop their own set of priorities; these will be individually emailed to Staff Member Brown. The latter will collate and refine an inclusive list which then will be emailed to all board members. Chair Schlosser asked members to identify their “top ten” priorities from this finished list for use in setting EQAB priorities and agenda items for CY2019.

Chair Schlosser provided the Board with a draft EQAB “*Mission Statement*” and “*Vision Statement*” for review and consideration.

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3. **Discussion of Planning for a 2020 Earth Day Event(s): - Discussion and possible action** Chair,
Board Members

Discussion about this Agenda Item focused primarily upon the subject matter that was discussed, in full, under “Councilmember Korte’s challenge to elevate and advance environmental initiatives” in **Agenda Item #7**.

4. **Administrative Report: - Discussion** Tim Conner
- Updates and opportunities – Conner
Mr. Conner presented a brochure high-lighting the City’s involvement with regional Low Impact Development (LID) projects through regional grants. Board members expressed interest in promoting and expanding future LID and solar project work through public education and positive advisement to Council.
 - New Board Member **Walter Cuculic** was introduced.

5. **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.** Sam Brown

Sam Brown provided an update on Scottsdale Parks & Recreation (P&Rec) Department’s acceptance of the draft Integrated Pesticide Management (IPM) Plan outline. Mr. Reed Pryor, P&Rec Director, has agreed to allow the Office of Environmental Initiatives to write the IPM with the full support of P&Rec’s senior staff. Mr. Brown stated that the initial goal of the IPM is to provide a disciplined process to reduce both the quantity and toxicity of herbicides used in, and around, City parks and recreational facilities. The IPM will also document the parameters, goals, objectives, and evaluation criteria for the implementation of future “organic” test plots. Mr. Pryor has actively engaged his peers (Tempe, Mesa, Queen Creek, Maricopa), and has established an open dialogue with them on the prospects of organic turf management.

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6. **Environmental Achievement Recognition Award: Discuss next steps for notification of successful candidate; schedule and tasks for presentation – Discussion and possible action** Chair & Board Members

Chair Schlosser discussed the award format and the requirement for a concise, time-limited presentation. Vice Chair Bosse and Board Member Chrismon Lazarr will prepare the presentation and present the award at the April 2nd Council meeting.

7. **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** Chair, Board Members

Chair Schlosser provided the Board with the one-page “*SUMMARY OF BOARD DISCUSSIONS RE: KORTE CHALLENGE*”. He also opened the discussion by stating that a dramatic re-invigoration of the City’s Office of Environmental Initiatives (that includes City commitments to a Sustainability Officer, an Energy Officer, and a more direct management link to the City Manager’s Office) would make a very strong statement for the 2020 Earth Day platform. Discussions involved solar energy prospects and the need for greater public education on solar, Green Building, LID and other sustainable projects that might be considered for funding under future City bond measures.

8. **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** Tim Conner Board Members

The Chair and Board Members briefly discussed the February 12, 2019 City Council Special Study Session on this subject. Chair Schlosser asked Tim Conner what the next step in the process was. Tim stated that the Assistant City Manager would convene a meeting with the Director of Planning & Development, with Mr. Conner, and with a City Attorney (TBD) to formulate a recommendation concerning potential changes to the Purpose, Powers and Duties of City Boards and Commissions. Chair Schlosser asked Tim Conner if any EQAB board members would be allowed to attend that meeting. Tim stated that that decision would be made by the City Attorney selected to participate in the meeting.

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

10. **Updates and reminders** –

- Next EQAB Regular Meeting 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at the **Scottsdale Community Design Studio**, 7506 E Indian School Road
- Next Green Building Lecture Series Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scottsdale Granite Reef Sr. Center – Radiant Cooling and Other Alternatives to Conventional Air Conditioning.

Tim Conner
Anthony Floyd

Adjournment: Chair Schlosser adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Chair
Schlosser

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