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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd.
Scottsdale, Arizona 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 (telephonically, until 7:00 pm)
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
Rachel Smetana, Mayor's Office Chief of Staff

Councilmember Solange Whitehead

Call to Order:

Tim Conner called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:43 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 (5 min):** Regular Meetings January 23, 2019 and February 20, 2019 – **Possible action** Chair Schlosser
Board Members

MOTION AND VOTE(s) – ITEM # 1

Board Member Johnson provided a motion to approve the January 23, 2019 EQAB Meeting Minutes, Board Member Coletta provided a second for the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 7-0**

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

Board Member Johnson suggested that a minor revision to the February 20 Draft Minutes. Board Member Johnson provided a motion to approve the February 20, 2019 EQAB Meeting Minutes with the corrected minor revision; Board Member Coletta provided a second for the motion;
MOTION APPROVED 7-0

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

2. **Annual Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception (5 min):** Rachel Smetana
Presentation & handout – **Discussion**

Rachel Smetana discussed and promoted the Annual Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception, being held at the Scottsdale Airport on May 16, 2019.

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3. **Administrative Report (10 min): - Discussion**

Tim Conner,
Anthony Floyd, &
Board Members

- Updates and opportunities – Conner
Provided updated on Capital Improvement Projects and Council review process. Included mention of solar and electric charging station projects.
- Energy management update -- Floyd
Provided update on APS study on Downtown buildings.
- EQAB document file storage -- Brown
Informed Board that COS IT was making a Sharepoint Communication Site available for Board Members to upload and retrieve documents relevant to EQAB priorities.
- Board Members inquired about the renovation of the Scottsdale Stadium. Board Member Johnson and Vice Chair Bosse expressed strong interest in advising the Council that all design elements should be as sustainability-minded as possible. Considerations to include shade, renewable energy, energy conservation, etc. Anthony Floyd briefed the Board on the LEED Gold mandate for new City structures (and significant upgrades). Board Members Johnson and Coletta to draft a memo to Council; this will on the April Agenda for discussion and review.

4. **Environmental Achievement Recognition Award (15 min):**
Presentation discussion and possible preview – **Discussion and possible action**

Vice Chair
Bosse, Board
Member Lazarr

Board Member Lazarr provided the powerpoint slide presentation for the April 2, 2019 City Council Meeting. Board Members were strongly supportive of content and design.

5. **EQAB's Purpose, Powers and Duties (15 min):**

Tim Conner,
Chair &
Board Members

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**

Staff Liaison Conner stated that a Staff Committee was considering EQAB's recommended changes in light of all Boards and Commissions. This would be reviewed by the City Attorney's Office prior to being included in the Council's Agenda Packet which must be prepared and posted two weeks in advance of the Council Meeting in which it would be an Agenda Item. Vice Chair Bosse stressed her strong support for opening a dialogue with the Committee in advance of the Packet preparation in order to preview its content, and possibly clarify the Board's position or intent on certain points. Chair Schlosser reinforced the importance of requesting an advance dialogue on the subject.

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MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 5

Vice Chair Bosse provided a motion to draft a letter to the City Council regarding the Staff Committee that is currently evaluating the Purpose, Powers and Duties of City Boards & Commissions. This letter would request an informal dialogue between three EQAB Board Members and the Staff Committee prior to the Committee formally placing its recommendation(s) on the City Council Agenda. Board Member Coletta provided a second for the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 7-0**

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

6. **Organic Land Management Pilot Program (10 min):**

Sam Brown

Review status of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation Department’s approach to evaluating alternatives to synthetic herbicides and fertilizers for its parkland and recreational turf areas. Discuss next steps. – **Discussion and possible action**

Staff Member Brown presented an update on the Parks & Recreation’s (P&R) approach to minimizing the quantity and toxicity of the chemicals used in turf management. Mr. Brown reviewed the progress on the development of the P&R Integrated Pest Management Plan, and P&R’s decision to dedicate three playing fields to the study of organic turf management (Chaparral Park - 2 soccer fields, 1 adjacent baseball field). Chair Schlosser and Vice Chair Bosse expressed support for the commitment. Vice Chair Bosse expressed concern that P&R had not agreed to contract with Beyond Pesticides (or similar organic turf training entity); she extolled the in-depth turf science that they offered in their training. Chair Schlosser expressed his intent to inform the City Council on P&R’s awareness of community concerns about glyphosate and pesticides, and their steps (to date) towards addressing those concerns.

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7. [Discussion of EQAB Priorities for CY2019 \(20 min\):](#) - **Discussion and possible action** Chair, Board Members
No action because of inadequate response. Chair Schlosser requested that Staff Member Brown resend the short-listing of priorities. Board Members are to prioritize their top three.
8. [Review of cover letter to City Council concerning the Greater Phoenix Green Infrastructure & LID Handbook \(10 min\):](#) - **Discussion and possible action** Board Member Johnson
MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 8

Chair Schlosser provided a motion to approve the cover letter (attached to the LID Handbook) and have the Staff Liaison deliver this packet to the Mayor and City Council; Board Member Coletta provided a second for the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 7-0**

Chair Schlosser - Yes
Vice Chair Bosse - Yes
Board Member Abranovic – Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr – Yes
Board Member Coletta – Yes
Board Member Cuculic - Yes
Board Member Johnson - Yes
9. [Councilmember Korte’s challenge to elevate and advance environmental initiatives \(30 min\):](#) Discuss the Board’s approach to the challenge and define the next steps. – **Discussion and possible action** Chair & Board Members
Board Members discussed the possibility of inviting representatives from neighboring cities (e.g., Mesa, Tempe, Phoenix) to inform the Board on what organizational and functional structures have been most effective for them to implement successful sustainability initiatives. Chair Schlosser, Vice Chair Bosse and Board Member Coletta to meet with City Manager to discuss high-level sustainability positions (e.g., Sustainability Officer; Energy Manager). Staff Liaison Conner to assist with arranging that meeting.

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10. [Board Members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items](#) – Discussion Board Members
11. [Updates and reminders](#) – Tim Conner
Next EQAB Regular Meeting 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Anthony Floyd
April 17, 2019, at the Scottsdale **Community Design Studio**,
7506 E. Indian School Road
Next Green Building Lecture Series Thursday, **June 6, 2019** *Cutting Edge Residential & Commercial Green High-Performance Buildings*
- Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.** Chair

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