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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Community Design Studio
7506 E Indian School Rd.
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

PRESENT:

Steven Schlosser, Chair
Tammy Bosse, Vice Chair
Anthony Coletta, Board Member (telephonically, until 7:00 pm)
Walter Cuculic, Board Member
Ryan Johnson, Board Member

ABSENT:

David Abranovic, Board Member
Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Board Member

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
Kathy Littlefield, City Councilmember
Solange Whitehead, City Councilmember

Call to Order:

Tim Conner called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

Two citizens were present; no public comment was received.

1. **Environmental Sustainability - Organizational Considerations, Strategies and Effectiveness:** Mark Hartman, Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Phoenix, and Braden Kay, Director of Sustainability for the City of Tempe, will discuss the organizational considerations, strategies, and effectiveness for key sustainability positions within their respective city governments. – **Discussion and possible action (60 min)**

Chair Schlosser,
Board Members

Mr. Hartman and Mr. Kay each offered a slide presentation and discussion on the community, organizational and budgetary benefits of their municipality's robust commitment to sustainability initiatives. This commitment included an imperative need for an executive-level sustainability position with strong organizational ties to the City Manager and Budget Director. The effect of the latter requirement was to facilitate large-scale project planning, cost recovery forecasting, and sustainability investment guidance. Both presenters made strong arguments for Scottsdale to initiate actions that will support a community-wide Climate Action Plan. Vice Chair Bosse provided the following:

The context of the presentation was how can we make the cities better through sustainably focused actions. They noted that the global investors are considering sustainability as part of their investment strategies. Mark noted as much as a 6 point different in green bonds than other bonds in credit pricing and that Moody's now wants to see sustainability initiatives with resiliency and adaption plans before assigning bond ratings. They also noted that, since most of the City policies are made in the context of the global economy that it is important that Cities engage beyond their boundaries regionally and globally. They suggested that the City of Scottsdale consider joining the Global Covenant of Mayors, the C-40 cities network and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network.

They noted that a call for innovation is very powerful to help people shift from where we want to be and from where we want to be in the future. Braden commended the City of Scottsdale for their initiatives on Green Infrastructure and Green Building and suggested that adding more energy initiatives to the mix will be a very positive step for Scottsdale. They both emphasized Important to have a strategic management plan around sustainability initiatives to set forth ambitious goals. They noted that there are many benefits of incorporating sustainability strategies, such as, energy and staff savings, quality of life, more efficient operations, public safety, better air quality, healthier communities and more.

Both the [audio recording](#) of the full meeting, and the [video](#) of Mark Hartman's and Braden Kay's slide presentations may be accessed on the main EQAB web page (under the "AUDIO & VIDEO heading). The latter does not include an extended question & answer period.

2. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes:** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2019 – **Possible action**

Chair Schlosser,
Board Members

Vice Chair Bosse and Board Member (BM) Johnson expressed their intentions to modify the DRAFT EQAB Regular Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2019. Minutes will be deferred for approval at the June 19, 2019 meeting.

3. Administrative Report:

Tim Conner,
Anthony Floyd, &
Sam Brown

- Updates and opportunities - Conner
Mr. Conner presented the *Bench the Bag* pamphlet, with a brief discussion about municipalities' efforts to ban the use plastic shopping bags. Mr. Conner also informed the Board that the City's Information Technology group was developing a 'Sustainability' portal on the City Home Page that will facilitate frequent searches for common Sustainability and Green Building/Infrastructure networking sites. Mr. Conner introduced Alejandro Morales, a new intern who will be assisting him with sustainability and Green Infrastructure related projects.
- June meeting guests (Brent Stockwell; Brian Biesemeyer)
Chair Schlosser provided a general reminder of the upcoming guest speakers and their subject matter - EQAB's Purpose, Powers & Duties, and the City's Drought Contingency Plan, respectively
- Energy management update - Floyd
Mr. Floyd informed the Board that Water Resources terminated the Water Campus Solar PV and Battery Storage Project. Mr. Floyd received training in Facility Management's software, ARCHIBUS, for energy management purposes.
- Organic Turf Plots - Brown
Mr. Brown confirmed that Parks & Recreation's (P&R) Organic Test Plots were fully activated. Mr. Brown summarized his meeting with the City of Tempe's Parks Director, Craig Hayton, and the City of Scottsdale's P&R Staff. Mr. Hayton will serve as a valuable resource for the evaluation of all aspects of parkland organic turf management.

4. EQAB's Purpose, Powers and Duties:

Chair Schlosser,
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**

Discussion was largely deferred to the June 19, 2019 meeting, with guest speaker Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager.

5. [Proposed Federal Budget Cutbacks to Established Environmental Programs \(10 min\)](#): Review and discuss Chair Schlosser’s draft EQAB memorandum to City Council concerning the predicted impact to beneficial conservation programs such as Energy Star™ and Water Sense™. - **Discussion and possible action** Chair Schlosser, Board Members

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 1

The Board agreed to modify the last paragraph in the memorandum to reflect an advisement to the City Council only (striking mention of the Government Relations Director). Vice Chair Bosse provided a motion to approve the amended document for delivery to City Council. Board Member Cuculic provided a second for the motion; **MOTION APPROVED 5-0**

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

6. [EQAB Environmental Achievement Award \(10 min\)](#): Parameters and protocol for identifying potential 2019 candidates. - **Discussion and possible action** Chair Schlosser, Board Members

No discussion, no action taken.

7. [Board Members’ reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items](#) – **Discussion** Board Members

No additional items were discussed.

8. [Updates and reminders](#) – Tim Conner
Anthony Floyd

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May15, 2019, at the Scottsdale **Community Design Studio**,

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Next Green Building Lecture Series Thursday, June 6, 2019
Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85257:
“Cutting Edge Residential & Commercial Green High-Performance Buildings”

Adjournment: 7:35 p.m.

Chair Schlosser



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