



Approved 7/17/19 (SB)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Quality Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 19, 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
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
Randy Grant, Director, Planning & Development
Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager
Brian Biesemeyer, Executive Director, Water Resources
Nicole Sherbert, Water Resources PIO
Kathy Rall, Water Resources Analyst

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 all members present, as stated above. Chair Schlosser called for all guests (including City staff) to introduce themselves.

Public Comment:

Three citizens were present, one (1) public comment was received from Ms. Alisa McMahon during Agenda Item #3.

*** Note:** These are summary action listings only. Due to a technical error, there is no audio recording of this meeting available.

1. **Lower (Colorado River) Basin Drought Contingency Plan (30 min):** Brian Biesemeyer, Scottsdale Water Resources Executive Director, will provide the Board with a summary of the recently approved Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (LBDCP), Scottsdale's commitment to the Plan, and its foreseeable impact on the state and Scottsdale. – **Discussion**

Brian
Biesemeyer

In a slide presentation, Mr. Biesemeyer summarized the near-term mitigation and conservation measures put in place by the recently enacted LBDCP. With the water levels in Lake Meade at historic lows, the LBDCP re-adjusted the Central Arizona Project (CAP) 2007 Interim Guidelines Shortage Reductions with the Incremental LBDCP Contributions for the lower basin states of AZ, NV & CA. Within AZ, Mr. Biesemeyer explained the different levels of allocation priorities (based on lake elevations), and the relatively complex relationships amongst entities with stored water (e.g., Scottsdale) and agricultural areas facing severe allocation reductions over time. Although the LBDCP is primarily short-term in focus, it has laid the foundation for collaboration, consensus and execution that will be needed for long-term water conservation and contingency measures. When Board Members asked about his 'resiliency planning', Mr. Biesemeyer summarized the depth to which Scottsdale Water has conserved its ability to supply its residents: recycling wastewater, re-charging aquifers at a greater rate than drawing down (since 2006), and redundancy in water sources and power supplies.

Chair Schlosser asked Mr. Biesemeyer to discuss a previously planned solar project at the Water Campus. Mr. Biesemeyer explained that the department determined that it was not financially feasible at this time.

2. **Scottsdale Water's 'Choose Tap!' Campaign (10 min):** Nicole Sherbert, Water Resources' Public Information Officer, will report on the successful deployment of Scottsdale Water's *Choose Tap!* Trailer. The mobile drinking water station promotes the benefits of drinking tap water over bottled water. – **Discussion**

Nicole Sherbert

Ms. Sherbert presented the Scottsdale Water *Choose Tap!* campaign's inception, motivation and roll out in a well-documented slide presentation.

3. **City Council Report - Purpose and Responsibilities of the Environmental Advisory Commission (25 min):** Staff Liaison Tim Conner and Brent Stockwell, Scottsdale Assistant City Manager, will present and discuss the City Council Report. Board will discuss possible recommendations to the City Council. – **Discussion and possible action**

Tim Conner,
Brent Stockwell,
Board Members

Mr. Stockwell opened with a slide presentation that commenced with an explanation of the need to revise and update the Board's purpose and responsibilities (no update since 1993). Full powerpoint presentation may be accessed on the EQAB website, under *Audio & Video* heading. Mr. Stockwell emphasized the important role that the (renamed) Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission must play in shaping and supporting City Council priorities, environmental and sustainability initiatives, community values, and recommendations to City Council concerning public input and concerns. After the changes were agreed to in motion 3a., Mr. Stockwell asked the Board to consider a motion to support the ordinance.

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 3a

The Board discussed amending the draft Ordinance 4402 Sec. 2-303 b.(1). The Board recommended removing “through recommendations regarding codes and ordinances.” from 2-303 b.(1); and inserting a new (5) to read: “Making recommendations regarding new and existing codes and ordinances that further the Commission’s purpose; and”. Board Member (BM) Johnson provided a motion to recommend those changes. BM Coletta 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

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 3b

BM Cuculic provided a motion in support of draft Ordinance No. 4402 (the version in the Council Report for Meeting Date July 1, 2019, Item 19) as amended by the recommendations in Motion #3a. BM Johnson seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED 6-1**

Chair Schlosser - Yes
Vice Chair Bosse - No
Board Member Abranovic - Yes
Board Member Chrisman Lazarr - Yes
Board Member Coletta - Yes
Board Member Cuculic - Yes
Board Member Johnson - Yes

4. **Sustainability Initiatives Support (25 min):** Brent Stockwell, Scottsdale Assistant City Manager, will discuss the organizational philosophy and structure with respect to the Board's stated interest in having the City create sustainability and energy management initiatives. This includes discussions on how other citywide initiatives (as examples) have been supported. **Discussion** Brent Stockwell

No discussion

5. **Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes (10 min):** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2019 and May 15, 2019 – **Possible action** Chair Schlosser,
Board Members

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 5a

BM Johnson provided a motion to approve the draft EQAB Regular Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2019. Chair Schlosser 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

MOTION AND VOTE – ITEM # 5b

Vice Chair Bosse provided a motion to approve the draft EQAB Regular Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2019, with the inclusion of a one-page commentary on Agenda Item #1. See Attachment 1. BM Cuculic 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. Administrative Report (10 min):

- Updates and opportunities - Conner
- Energy management update - Floyd
Mr. Floyd provided information on the joint venture with APS to install electric vehicle charging stations at One Civic Center.
- Organic Turf Plots - Brown
Mr. Brown did not discuss this item.

Tim Conner,
Anthony Floyd,
Sam Brown

7. EQAB Environmental Achievement Award (10 min): General discussion about expanding the scope and purview to interested City departments or operational units. - **Discussion and possible action**

Chair Schlosser,
Board Members

No discussion

8. Earth Day 2020: Possible discussions about events, programs, or Scottsdale-themed initiatives that could promote the City's leadership role in environmental sustainability. - **Discussion and possible action**

Chair Schlosser,
Board Members

No discussion

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

Board Members

No discussion

10. Updates and reminders –

Tim Conner
Anthony Floyd

Next EQAB Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday,
July 17, 2019, at the Scottsdale **Community Design Studio**,
7506 E. Indian School Road

Adjournment: 8:03 pm

Chair Schlosser



Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting the Office of Environmental Initiatives at 480-312-7833 (if any)]. Requests should be made 24 hours in advance, or as early as possible, to allow time to arrange the accommodation. For TTY users, the Arizona Relay Service (1-800-367-8939) may contact the Office of Environmental Initiatives at 480-312-7833.

ATTACHMENT 1

Approved Addition To EQAB SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES - MAY 15, 2019 AGENDA ITEM #1

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.

The full presentation by Mark Hartman and Braden Kay heard on the meeting recording and the video of the first part of the presentation posted on the EQAB site. The presentation slides are also a posted attachment.