



Approved 10/16/19 (sb)

**\*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES\***

City of Scottsdale  
Environmental Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting  
5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
Community Design Studio  
7506 E Indian School Rd.  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

**PRESENT:**

Steven Schlosser, Chair  
Tammy Bosse, Vice Chair  
Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Commission Member  
Anthony Coletta, Commission Member  
Walter Cuculic, Commission Member  
Ryan Johnson, Commission Member

**ABSENT:**

David Abranovic, Commission Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Tim Conner, Office of Environmental Initiatives  
Sam Brown, Office of Environmental Initiatives  
Anthony Floyd, Office of Environmental Initiatives  
Alejandro Morales, Intern for Office of Environmental Initiatives  
Rachel Smetana, Mayor's Office Chief of Staff

**Call to Order:**

Tim Conner called the regular meeting of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission to order at **5:42 p.m.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Public Comment:**

There were five citizens present; one public comment was received from Mr. Hervé Borrel.

- 1. Recycling in the City of Scottsdale:** Dan Worth, Director of Public Works, provided a broad overview of the external market forces that have deeply affected the City's current efforts to support and shape future recycling expansion initiatives. With China's demand for higher purity recyclable commodities (<1% contamination), all local recycling service providers (including Scottsdale's) have been forced to respond to the downturn in commodity prices (paper, fiberboard, plastics, etc.) due to a flooded national market. Mr. Worth outlined the challenges faced by recyclers, municipalities and the technology & behavioral innovators (educators). He stated that the national and local markets would adjust over the next several years to a more stable, predictable model (including new industry infrastructure) that would allow municipalities to establish longer-term strategies. Vice-Chair Bosse asked Mr. Worth what can Scottsdale do (as the best strategy) to create markets for recyclable commodities? Mr. Worth recommended that the City must work closely with Phoenix (and other regional partners) to strengthen our position in the underlying commodity markets. The Commission agreed to invite Mr. Worth back to discuss the *Solid Waste & Recycling Strategic Plan* when it nears completion and publication.

Dan Worth
- 2. Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes:** Vice-Chair Bosse made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2019; CM Cuculic seconded the motion, which carried 6-0, with Chair Schlosser, Vice-Chair Bosse, CMs Chrisman, Coletta, Cuculic and Johnson voting in the affirmative.

Chair  
Schlosser,  
Commission  
Members
- 3. Administrative Report:**

  - Updates and opportunities - Mr. Conner discussed the award received for the Low Impact Development (LID) Handbook.
  - Mr. Floyd provided an update on the electric vehicle charging stations (pilot program) and to Capital Project Management's new position for managing energy improvement (incentive-driven) projects.

Tim Conner,  
Anthony Floyd,  
Sam Brown
- 4. Sustainability Initiatives Support:** CM Cuculic fielded questions from other Commissioners concerning his draft workup (white paper) about making a strong business case for a senior environmental sustainability position within the City of Scottsdale. CM Cuculic agreed to include relevant citations and supporting references for the data presented.

CM Cuculic
- 5. Earth Day 2020:** CMs Johnson, Chrisman and Coletta will continue to work with Ms. Rachel Smetana, Mayor's Office Chief of Staff, on the over-arching framework plan for the event. This includes the proposed City Shade and Tree Plan. Chair Schlosser and Staff Coordinator Brown will also work with Ms. Smetana on developing the school system's Poster Contest.

Chair Schlosser  
Commission  
Members
- 6. Greening Events Implementation Guide:** Commissioners discussed the inherent value and benefits of the ASU Sustainable Cities Network's Greening Events Implementation Guide. Mr. Conner stated that City staff members were currently involved with developing a simpler guide that was intended to be easier to understand and use. The Commission agreed to defer further discussion until it had the opportunity to review the City staff's proposed guide.

Commission  
Members  
Tim Conner

7. **APS Pilot Program for Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging:** Mr. Conner provided a brief summary of the program's history and status. He stated that much of the program details between the City and APS were still unsettled. Therefore, he suggested that the Commission consider delaying any recommendations to City Council until all parties come to a clear understanding on the scope and breadth of the program. Tim Conner

8. **Commission Members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items:** Commission Members

Commission Members suggested the following items for **October's Agenda:**

- Discuss and evaluate the considerations for recommending that Scottsdale commit to a 100% renewable energy goal.
- Greening Events Implementation Guide - City staff position & recommendation
- AirLib - Mr. Hervé Borrel, representing AirLib, to present his company's air quality mapping services
- Earth Day 2020
- Review of Chair Schlosser's draft memorandum that provides the City Council with a status of progress made under the 2018 challenge issued by Council Member Korte.

9. **Updates and reminders** – Tim Conner

Next EAC Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m.; Wednesday,

**October 16, 2019, at ONE CIVIC CENTER - Community Development Conf Rooms** (First Floor - adjacent to RECORDS)

7447 E. Indian School Road

Next **Green Building Lecture Series:**

October 3, 2019 7:00 pm

***Electric Vehicles & Renewable Energy Future***

Granite Reef Senior Center; 1700 N. Granite Reef Road

**Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.**

Chair Schlosser