



Approved 7/15/2020 (sb)

**\*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES\***

City of Scottsdale  
Environmental Advisory Commission  
Regular Meeting  
5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 17, 2020  
Meeting Held Remotely

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**PRESENT:** Steven Schlosser, Chair  
Tammy Bosse, Vice-Chair  
Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Commission Member  
Anthony Coletta, Commission Member (left mtg. at 6:52 p.m.)  
Walter Cuculic, Commission Member  
Ryan Johnson, Commission Member

**ABSENT:** David Abranovic, Commission Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tim Conner, Anthony Floyd, Sam Brown - Office of Environmental Initiatives; Brian Hancock and Becca Cox, IT / Video Support  
Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager

**Call to Order:**

Chair Schlosser called the regular meeting of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission to order at **5:30 p.m.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Public Comment:**

Meeting was live streamed on Cox Channel 11 to the public. No public comments were received.

1. **Consideration of Commission Support for Master Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona State University and the Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Services (RMWSSS):**

Tim Conner,  
Rajesh Buch,  
Bill Campbell

**NOTE:** Commission Member (CM) Johnson formally declared a “non-substantial” conflict of interest in this Item and removed himself from audio/video participation

Staff Liaison Tim Conner discussed the June 30, 2020 City Council Report concerning the proposed IGA with RMSSS, in support of the General Plan Goal to “*Achieve natural resource sustainability*”. Mr. Conner discussed the IGA scope and capabilities with Dr. Rajesh Buch, RMWSSS Acting Chair, and Bill Campbell, RMWSSS Sr. Project Manager. Mr. Conner asked Commission Members to examine the merit of the proposed IGA, and to consider endorsing a letter to the City Council in support of the measure. Vice-Chair Bosse expressed her support for the IGA but questioned the Assistant City Manager, Brent Stockwell, about the City’s commitment to hiring a full-time Chief Sustainability Manger. Mr. Stockwell briefly explained the deep financial stress the Covid-19 pandemic has placed on City finances, leading to the elimination and re-assignment of staff positions, and a hiring freeze. Mr. Stockwell emphasized that proceeding with this IGA was an appropriate step under the severe budgetary circumstances. The Commission was presented with the final draft of the letter of recommendation that included contributions from both Chair Schlosser and Vice-Chair Bosse.

**Chair Schlosser motioned to accept the final draft of a letter of recommendation for the IGA to City Council; CM Chrisman provided a second which carried with a vote of 5-0-1 with Chair Schlosser, Vice-Chair Bosse, and CMs Chrisman, Coletta, and Cuculic voting for APPROVAL, and CM Johnson abstaining (absent).**

**Signed copy of letter attached to minutes.**

2. **Circular Economy Discussion with Representatives from RMWSSS (30 min)**

Rajesh Buch,  
Bill Campbell

Dr. Rajesh Buch & Bill Campbell introduced the RMWSSS in a powerpoint presentation, and discussed the service’s mission, vision and values. Dr. Buch provided a summary of RMWSSS’s international reach, broad testing and modeling services, and their past work with the City of Phoenix through the Resource Innovation and Solutions Network (RISN). Dr. Buch also spoke on the capabilities for supporting “urban heat island” mitigation measures.

**NOTE:** CM Johnson rejoined the meeting during this discussion

**3. Approval of Summarized Meeting Minutes:** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2020.

Chair  
Schlosser,  
Commission  
Members

**CM Johnson made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from February 19, 2020; VC Bosse provided a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0, with Chair Schlosser, Vice-Chair Bosse and CMs Chrisman, Coletta, Cuculic and Johnson voting for APPROVAL.**

**4. Administrative Report (5 min):**

Tim Conner,  
Anthony Floyd

- Updates and opportunities - Conner  
Mr. Conner informed the Commission that the City has, to date, planted over 109 trees as part of its recent initiative. He also advised them about potential (regional) litigation concerning 2008 ozone standard compliance.
- Green Building & Energy Code Updates - Floyd  
Mr. Floyd provided brief updates on the Energy Action Plan and solar panel screening code status.

**5. Draft Scottsdale General Plan 2035 Update Process (20 min):**

Ryan  
Johnson,  
Commission  
Members

CM Johnson, SEAC's Citizen Review Committee representative, provided the Commission with a summary of the proceedings as they pertained the section on ENVIRONMENT (pp., 90 - 127). CM Johnson stated that the subject of "climate change" was not discussed but was tabled for further dialogue in the next Committee meeting on September 8. VC Bosse (Commission's alternate representative to Committee) stated that the UPDATE process was moving quickly, and that the Commission should act decisively to ensure that its members' comments and recommendations were brought forward in a timely fashion. Of concern, the next General Plan Citizen Review Update Committee meeting will be September 8, where topics important to climate change will be discussed. VC Bosse noted that it was unfortunate that SEAC had not been meeting due to the COVID pandemic so that SEAC (as a whole) was unable to discuss and recommend suggestions to put forward to the Review Committee when they were addressing the Environment section. She noted that, in addition to having a representative at the General Plan meetings, all Commissions and Boards would have time for more formal input after January 1<sup>st</sup>. VC Bosse spoke with Adam Yaron, General Plan Staff Liaison, about the process. Mr. Yaron recommended to her that interested parties review the Approved Minutes of the Update Committee Meetings once approved and available. VC Bosse recommended to SEAC that each member review the ENVIRONMENT chapter in detail, and that all members select one or two of the remaining chapters to review for environmental "overlap". CM Chrisman suggested each member forward their two choices (i.e., additional chapters to review for comment) to the Staff Coordinator.

Chair Schlosser suggested that the Commission provide the General Plan Citizen Review Committee with a position paper on climate change. He emphasized the need to make a clear and strong statement that reflects the

City's willingness to engage the issue on a level within its control. The Chair and VC Bosse will work together to draft that paper prior to the next Commission meeting.

**6. Environmental Sustainability within the City of Scottsdale**

Commission  
Members

Chair Schlosser suggested writing a letter to City Council recommending that the City adopt a pledge of *carbon neutrality* by the year 2050. Chair Schlosser cited the value of having a stated, long-term strategy as a "forcing function" that would help guide operational and policy decisions. The discussion turned toward including this goal into the draft General Plan 2035 as a more effective and durable vehicle for communicating the intent and aspiration.

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

Commission  
Members

Commission members will be prepared to discuss items for inclusion in the July 2020 Agenda.

- Commission members expressed interest in hearing more about the City's energy management operations and strategy.

**8. Updates and reminders –**

Tim Conner  
Anthony Floyd

- Next Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting:  
5:30 p.m.; Wednesday,  
**July 15, 2020**, Location/Venue -- **To Be Announced**
- Next Green Building Lecture Series:  
*Topic: TBD*  
**October 4, 2020**, at the Scottsdale Granite Reef Senior Center  
*Time: TBD*

**Adjournment: 7:32 p.m.**

Chair  
Schlosser



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**To:** Scottsdale Mayor and City Council

**From:** Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)  
City of Scottsdale, Arizona

**Date:** June 18, 2020

**Re:** **Recommendation of Support for the Master Intergovernmental Agreement between Arizona State University (ASU) and City of Scottsdale (ref.: Resolution No. 11748)**

Dear Mayor and City Council:

The Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission wishes to express its unified support for the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 11748. This resolution approves a Master Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the ASU Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Services for advancing environmental sustainability initiatives within the City of Scottsdale. While the Commission continues to strongly encourage the addition of a full-time Chief Sustainability Manager for the City, we believe the IGA will provide access to a depth of near-term resources that will be beneficial to Scottsdale. The IGA will allow Staff to develop and implement policies, plans and strategies for sustainability initiatives. Such activities will help sustain Scottsdale's natural, economic and cultural environment now, and for the future.

The complex variables in Scottsdale's social dynamics and business climate require advanced responses to protect and conserve the elements of the natural environment that sustain good health and enhance the quality of our lives. The services offered through the IGA are the result of extensive national research, testing and real-world application. The Commission considers this an opportunity for the City to benefit directly from a local (yet, internationally recognized) leader in the field of environmental sustainability solutions.

Your consideration of this recommendation is of great value to each member of this Commission.

Thank you,

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Steve Schlosser/SEAC Chair

cc: Jim Thompson, City Manager; Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager;  
Randy Grant, Planning and Development Services Executive Director