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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, February 17, 2021 **Meeting Held Remotely**

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Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Anthony Coletta; Commission Members: David Abranovic, Tammy Bosse, Walter Cuculic (arrived at 5:45 p.m.), Ryan Johnson, Steven Schlosser

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Manager, Anthony Floyd, and Sam Brown - the Office of Environmental Initiatives; Bronte Ibsen and Amanda Willis, IT/Video Support; Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager; Erin Perreault, Planning & Development Area Director; Adam Yaron, Senior Planner; Brian Boyle, Sustainability Intern

PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting was live streamed on Scottsdale You Tube channel to the public. No public comments (spoken or written) were received.

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2021:

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2021; Commissioner Schlosser provided a Second for the motion, which carried 4-0, with Chair Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta, and Commissioners Bosse and Schlosser voting for APPROVAL.



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2. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding 1-GP-2021: Draft Scottsdale General Plan 2035.

Staff Contacts: Adam Yaron, Project Coordination Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov

Mr. Yaron presented a detailed review of the draft General Plan 2035 Update process to date, and then provided information on future steps in the process. Chair Chrisman Lazarr encouraged all commissioners to review the updated draft in preparation for providing additional comments to the Project Coordinators. The commission was advised that the City Council will hold a study session in early March 2021.

No Action Taken

3. Presentation and discussion regarding the Parks & Recreation Department's Organic Turf Project.

Staff Contact: Sam Brown, Environmental Planner, sbrown@scottsdaleaz.gov

Mr. Brown presented a brief summary of the Parks & Recreation's use of three designated turf areas at Chaparral Park to compare (1) turf with routine pre-emergent herbicide applications + synthetic fertilizer, (2) turf with no pre-emergent + synthetic fertilizer, and (3) no pre-emergent + organic fertilizer. This project took place in 2019; no additional turf studies took place during 2020. The commissioners agreed to invite Mr. Jody Pierce, Parks Manager, to address the Parks' long-term approach to turf management - specifically why a totally "organic" approach is not adopted.

No Action Taken

4. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding Initiative 3: Develop Heat Island Mitigation Plan; Tree, Shade and Urban Cooling Plan; and Green Infrastructure / Low-Impact Development Plan.

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Environmental Manager, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov

Mr. Conner briefed the commission on the status of the current ASU Heat Island Mitigation project and gave detailed presentation of the scope and standing of Scottsdale's contributions toward the Low Impact Development roll-out, and its implementation challenges.

No Action Taken

5. Discussion and possible Commission action regarding the development of an Annual Work Plan that lists and prioritizes subjects for the Commission to consider for monthly agenda items and for courses of action.

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Environmental Manager, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov

Chair Chrisman Lazarr presented the initial version of the Annual Work Plan. This document displays critical contact information for commission members, staff and City resources. Goals/strategies and tactics/activities are displayed with an opportunity to assign responsibilities and prioritize completion dates. The Chair encouraged all members to edit the list (as necessary), and to inform her of which goals/activities each commissioner would like to either lead or contribute toward.

No Action Taken

6. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations regarding the development of the Scottsdale Sustainability Plan.

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Environmental Manager, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov

Chair Chrisman Lazarr presented the draft letter addressed to the Mayor and City Council recommending SEAC's support for the development of a Scottsdale Sustainability Plan by June 30,

2022. Commissioners recommended extending the deadline for the draft to December 31, 2022 and making some small editorial changes.

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to approve and send the letter - with the recommended changes; Commissioner Johnson provided a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0, with Chair Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta, and Commissioners Abranovic, Bosse, Cuculic, Johnson and Schlosser voting for APPROVAL.

7. Staff Updates:

- Sustainability Indicators Report Update - Brian Boyle
- General updates – Tim Conner
- Green Building updates, including Green Building Webinar Series - Anthony Floyd
- Sustainable Scottsdale Steering Team updates – Brent Stockwell

This section was not discussed due to time constrains - **No Action Taken**

8. Review of anticipated items for the March 2021 Commission agenda, including requests by Commission Members for items to be included on future agendas.

- **Discussion on review of draft General Plan 2035; next steps for action**
- **Invite Mr. Jody Pierce, Parks Manager, to discuss turf herbicide usage**
- **Discuss and complete SEAC Annual Work Plan with commissioner assignments**
- **Review of Earth Day planning updates**

Adjournment: 7:45 p.m.