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SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Community Design Studio

7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251

CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Anthony Coletta; Commission Members: David Abranovic, Tammy Bosse, Walter Cuculic (arrived at 5:40 p.m.), Ryan Johnson, Steven Schlosser

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Manager, and Sam Brown - the Office of Environmental Initiatives; Bronte Ibsen and Amanda Willis, IT/Video Support; Erin Perreault, Planning & Development Area Director; Rachel Smetana, Mayor's Chief of Staff

PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting was live streamed on Scottsdale You Tube channel to the public. Two members of the public were present; no public comment was received.

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2021:

Commissioner Bosse presented the Commission with two proposed edits to Agenda Item #5, and a correction to the page header.

Commissioner Schlosser made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2021 with Commissioner Bosse's recommended edits included; Vice Chair Coletta 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.



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- 2. Presentation, discussion, and possible Commission recommendation letter to City Council regarding City support of, and education about, the protection of plant pollinators (e.g., bees, birds, beneficial insects).** Commissioner Johnson commented on the positive changes made to the “Bee Safety” section of the Scottsdale Fire Department’s web page; in particular, the reference to bees as pollinators and the recommendation for non-lethal removal (if practicable). Staff Liaison Tim Conner recommended that Scottsdale emulate the City of Chandler’s website approach for providing a means for citizen to search for humane bee removal without recommending any particular company. Commissioner Johnson also referenced the positive response to SEAC recommendations within the Sustainable Scottsdale public website. Commissioner Johnson committed to researching the underlying requirements for Scottsdale to become a designated Bee City USA municipality; he will inform the Commission of those requirements at the August meeting. Chair Chrisman Lazarr mentioned the work of Rachel Smetana, Mayor’s Chief of Staff, for the City to take and implement *The Mayor’s Monarch Pledge* and join other communities in restoring and preserving the habitats of monarch butterflies. Chair Chrisman Lazarr emphasized that the importance of pollinators extends beyond bees. Staff Coordinator Sam Brown discussed the limitations experienced by the City when using humane bee removal contract services (versus exterminators) in previous years. The biggest perceived drawback was the delayed response time of two to four days. As of several years ago, most bee removal contractors could not (or were unwilling to) comply with the City’s insurance standards for procurement contracting. Mr. Brown committed to research current procurement requirements and the viability of local companies to respond to the City’s high demand for bee response in public spaces. Commissioner Johnson volunteered to draft a letter of recommendation to City Council regarding pollinators; he asked other interested commissioners to join him in the effort.

No Action

- 3. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff on Public Outreach Strategies for sustainability topics currently under consideration by the Commission or matters of environmental concern submitted to the City or Commission through public forums.** Chair Chrisman Lazarr asked Commissioners Abranovic, Bosse, Cuculic and Schlosser if they had interest in speaking with Mr. Kelly Corsette, Communications and Public Affairs Director, and the new Water Resources’ Public Information Officer on effective strategies for public outreach on water conservation. Mr. Conner agreed to facilitate such a meeting. The Chair also asked if it would be possible to recommend that the City engage the public with an educational series on sustainability, comparable to Water Resources’ successful *Water Academy*. Commissioner Bosse mentioned the informational program on sustainability developed by ASU for its staff, suggesting that it might serve as a model for developing a series for Scottsdale citizens and employees. Chair Chrisman Lazarr mentioned the public art festival *Canal Convergence* and its commitment to green practices (e.g., waste reduction, recycling). She asked if the Commission could participate in some capacity; particularly, in promoting water conservation. Mr. Conner agreed to discuss the available options with the festival organizers, Scottsdale Public Art.

No Action

4. Staff Updates:

- General updates, *ASU Strategies for a Cooler Scottsdale*, *ASU Sustainability Plan* Scope of Work – Tim Conner
- Green Building updates & Webinars - Tim Conner
- Sustainable Scottsdale Steering Team updates – Tim Conner

No Action

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

- **ASU update on *Urban Heat Island Study***
- **Protection of plant pollinators**
- **Commission *Sunset Review* discussion**
- ***Annual Work Plan* review**
- ***Canal Convergence* - public outreach discussion**

Adjournment: 6:40 p.m.