



APPROVED 6/16/2021 (sb)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES

City of Scottsdale
Environmental Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 19, 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, Ryan Johnson, Steven Schlosser

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Manager, Anthony Floyd, and Sam Brown - the Office of Environmental Initiatives; Karen Hemby and Amanda Willis, IT/Video Support; Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager; Erin Perreault, Planning & Development Area Director; Kelly Corsette, Communications and Public Affairs Director; Gretchen Baumgardner, Water Policy Manager; Rachel Smetana, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Scottsdale Mayor David D. Ortega

PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting was live streamed on Scottsdale You Tube channel to the public. There was one written public comment received from Ms. Alisa McMahon concerning agenda item #5.

1. **Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2021; Commissioner Bosse 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.**

- 2. Discussion with Scottsdale Mayor David D. Ortega regarding the development and prioritization of current and future city environmental sustainability initiatives, plans, activities and programs.** Chair Chrisman Lazarr presented the attached slides to Mayor David D. Ortega, and to the Commission and public. The Mayor, in return, shared his understanding of Scottsdale's history of embracing environmentally healthy standards and energy conservation measures. He called out the severe challenges to sustainability advancement imposed by the 2008 economic downturn and the isolation of business and citizen interests from the Covid-19 pandemic. He also promoted the concept that the City must work "regionally" on the larger-scale environmental quality issues. Mayor David D. Ortega spoke encouragingly about the efficiencies of advancing environmental communications and education by strengthening relations with Scottsdale's school districts.

No Action Taken

- 3. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations for facilitating public outreach and education on sustainability and environmental issues.** Mr. Kelly Corsette, Communications and Public Affairs Director, discussed the Sustainable Scottsdale brand and the need to steer citizens toward the resources found on its website. He spoke of the wide range of public communication tools currently available and under development. Mr. Corsette's team is developing an editorial calendar for the website that will capture and highlight topics of public interest and concern. Commission members offered suggestions for the calendar (e.g., water softener disconnect during home vacancies). Mr. Corsette indicated that the Citizen Services Team is currently being re-tooled to be more effective with public outreach on sustainability issues. Chair Chrisman Lazarr emphasized the need to communicate to the public the continuing impact of what the Environmental Advisory Commission is learning and considering in its ongoing efforts to promote environmental sustainability. She brought forward the Commission's role in urging the development of a sustainability infrastructure for the City.

No Action Taken

- 4. Update and discussion regarding the General Plan 2035.** Gretchen Baumgardner, Water Policy Manager, addressed the Commission's previously stated concerns as to why the reuse of "gray water" was omitted in the final draft of the General Plan 2035. Ms. Baumgardner, in her presentation of the attached memorandum to the Commission, expanded upon the more efficient conservation of all wastewaters collected from its domestic and commercial customers, compared to the use of gray water for domestic irrigation. Commission members asked Mr. Anthony Floyd, Senior Building Consultant, if green building standards and codes promoted construction designs for the capture and reuse of gray water. Mr. Floyd responded affirmatively and stated that there were no regulatory or permitting obstacles for small (i.e., domestic) entities.

No Action Taken

- 5. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations regarding the draft scope of work for the Scottsdale Sustainability Plan.** Dr. Mark Roseland, Senior Sustainability Scientist at the ASU Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation, presented the attached phased proposal for developing the Scottsdale Sustainability Plan. Dr. Roseland responded to Commission member concerns about plan content by stating that the outline was for the development process, but the various stakeholders would be able to "make it their own" through direct workshop input. Commissioner Johnson expressed his desire to see a "footprint" in the metrics that could be periodically updated to show standing and progress.

No Action Taken

- 6. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations for the letter of support to City Council regarding the 2021 International Green Construction Code (IgCC) and the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).** Anthony Floyd presented the draft letter to City Council. He also explained the code adoption process and various timelines. Commissioner Cuculic requested that this topic be tabled for the next Commission meeting so that the updated letter could be resent to the Commission for review.

No Action Taken

7. Staff Updates:

- General updates – Tim Conner
- Green Building updates - Anthony Floyd
 - Green Building Webinars
- Sustainable Scottsdale Steering Team updates – Brent Stockwell

No Action Taken

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

- **Water Resources' presentation on water conservation**
- **Scottsdale Sustainability Program Manager job description**
- **ASU Heat Island Mitigation Study summary**
- **IgCC / IECC code recommendation letter to City Council**
- **Discussion on plant pollinators and City support for protection**

Adjournment: