



APPROVED 02/16/2022 (sb)

SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES
City of Scottsdale
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2022

**ONE CIVIC CENTER, Plan Review Conference Rooms
7447 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251**

Until further notice, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (**SEAC**) meetings are being held electronically. While physical facilities are open to the public at reduced capacity, SEAC meetings are available on Scottsdale's YouTube channel to allow the public to virtually attend and listen/view the meeting in progress.

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Anthony Coletta; Commission Members: Tammy Bosse (attended electronically), Ute Brady, Walter Cuculic, Ryan Johnson (attended electronically), Andrew Scheck (attended electronically)

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Manager, Anthony Floyd and Sam Brown - the Office of Environmental Initiatives; Brandon McMahan and Amanda Willis, IT/Video Support; Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting was live streamed on Scottsdale You Tube channel to the public. No members of the public were present. One written public comment was received from Mr. Mike Contaldo.

1. Confirmation that all *Ethics Code Training & Personal Interest Disclosure* forms have been signed and received.

No action (all certifications confirmed)



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2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2021:

Vice Chair Coletta made a motion to approve the Summarized Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2021 with Commissioner Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse, Brady, Cuculic, Johnson and Scheck voted for APPROVAL.

3. Presentation, interactive workshop, discussion, and possible Commission recommendations to staff regarding the content of the *Sustainability Scan Report* and Staff workshops to date for the Scottsdale Sustainability Plan. Representatives from ASU's Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Services conducted an interactive workshop with the Commission, reviewing the work to date with the "Scan Report" and ASU's workshop with the Sustainable Scottsdale Steering Team. Commissioner Cuculic expressed his preference for environmental and energy initiatives that can demonstrate a clear economic benefit. Chair Chrisman Lazarr raised her concern that the foundational steps for the Sustainability Plan were merely mimicking the goals and objectives of the General Plan 2035. She stated that this could lead to less openness to evolving concerns or new approaches and innovations. Commissioner Scheck raised the importance of balancing the economic and environmental components of sustainability and questioned how to focus a public/social media campaign. ASU's Bill Campbell stated that his development team was not bound in by the General Plan but considers all input and feedback from the Commission as if coming from a 'Board of Directors'.

No action

4. Nomination and election of SEAC Officers.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to nominate Natalie Chrisman Lazarr for Chair and Anthony Coletta for Vice Chair with Commissioner Bosse providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse, Brady, Cuculic, Johnson and Scheck voted for APPROVAL.

5. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff regarding the approval of the 2021 SEAC Annual Report.

Vice Chair Coletta made a motion to approve the 2021 SEAC Annual Report with minor edits (support for Green Building code changes; additional landfill diversion categories) with Commissioner Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse, Brady, Cuculic, Johnson and Scheck voted for APPROVAL.

6. Approval of the 2022 SEAC Meeting Schedule.

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to accept the proposed Commission meeting schedule for calendar year 2022 with Commissioner Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr, Vice Chair Coletta and Commissioners Bosse, Brady, Cuculic, Johnson and Scheck voted for APPROVAL.

7. Presentation and discussion regarding the concept of solar power leasing. Commissioner Cuculic presented to the Commission on the basics of solar power leasing in Arizona. Mr. Cuculic emphasized the importance of capitalizing on tax incentives available through contract agreements that lease solar power to entities that do not own the infrastructure.

No action

- 8. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff and/or City Council regarding the tree canopy data collected by ASU and the potential involvement of the Public in a tree inventory for greater Scottsdale.** Commissioner Brady presented a detailed background and approach for implementing a citizen science-based tree inventory for the city. She proposed a **Phase 1 / Micro Pilot Project** that would partner with Scottsdale Libraries' staff during the City's Earth Day & Arbor Day celebrations. This initial project would help educate and foster citizen interest and assist with testing software applications. Commissioner Scheck asked how large of a team would be required to monitor and "keep clean" all the citizen data that would eventually be uploaded. Commissioner Brady acknowledged that challenge but stated that it is too early to predict.

No action

- 9. Discussion and possible Commission recommendations to staff on Public Outreach Strategies for sustainability topics currently under consideration by the Commission (Annual Work Plan) or matters of environmental concern submitted to the City or Commission through public forums.** No discussion.

No action

10. Staff Updates:

- General updates – Tim Conner
- Green Building updates - Anthony Floyd
- Sustainable Scottsdale Steering Team updates – Brent Stockwell
Mr. Stockwell formally announced the hiring of the new Sustainability Director. Ms. Lisa McNeely will start on March 14, 2022.

11. Review of anticipated items for the February 2022 Commission agenda, including requests by Commission Members for items to be included on future agendas.

- **Staff summary of the regulatory standing and City responses to citizen concerns about fuel-powered landscaping equipment**
- **Discussion and possible action regarding a pilot tree inventory project launch for Earth Day & Arbor Day celebrations**

Adjournment: 8:04 p.m.