



**APPROVED 8/16/2023**

**\*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES\***

City of Scottsdale  
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)  
**Regular Meeting**

**5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2023**  
Community Design Studio Nave  
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, 85251

**Call to Order** 5:34 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Vice Chair Natalie Chrisman Lazarr; Commission Members: Tammy Bosse (arrived 5:55 p.m.), Tony Coletta, Walter Cuculic (left 7:25 p.m.), Ryan Johnson (arrived 5:55 p.m.), Andrew Scheck

**ABSENT:** Chair Ute Brady

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director; Tim Conner, Manager; Anthony Floyd (virtually), Madison Harris, Intern (virtually) -- Office of Environmental Initiatives; Erin Perreault, Planning, Economic Development & Tourism Executive Director (virtually); Cindi Eberhardt, Planning & Development Area Director; Dale Wiebusch and Marci Sanders, Government Relations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**1) Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2023**

Commissioner Scheck made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2023, with Commissioner Coletta providing a Second for the motion, which carried 4-0. All members present at the time voted for APPROVAL.

**2) Scottsdale's Legislative Agenda**

Dale Wiebusch reviewed the role of Government Relations (GR) and how his office develops and uses the legislative agenda, including sustainability-related activities, during the 2023 state legislative session. Preservation is currently one of seven policy categories and is expected to be included in the 2024 legislative agenda, which should be ready for adoption by City Council in November. Commissioners asked about the probability of reversing bills that have previously passed (e.g., the ban on plastic bag bans). Mr. Wiebusch clarified that any new bills must get on a committee agenda before anyone can register a position, and that bills introduced to reverse such bans never get a hearing. Mr. Wiebusch also discussed how he works with local delegation members. Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr asked about identifying a broader principle related to sustainability, and Commissioner Cuculic asked about interactions with tribal governments. Mr. Wiebusch and Ms. Marci Sanders are open to suggestions on the legislative agenda, and also

discussed the tribal gaming grants that their department processes.

Mr. Wiebusch also shared information on GR's role in tracking federal grant and funding opportunities and how they work with departments to decide which ones to pursue. He also included a list of recently awarded and/or pending applications. In response to questions, Mr. Wiebusch recounted how the Human Relations Commission was active in opposition to a bill that would have abolished funding for DEI programs. He also reiterated that getting strong input from a citizen commission can signal community support or opposition to legislators.

### **3) Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan**

Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director, shared a preview of the City Council work study session presentation scheduled for July 10, 2023. Commissioners discussed the updated framework and its inclusion of the Net Zero Strategic Energy Plan, the development of quantitative and non-numeric targets, and the continued need to include text describing the 'why' of the plan to give an emotional attachment, along with the need to incorporate sufficient time in the process for the provision of further substantive SEAC and community input on the strategies and actions. Commissioners also discussed the updated timeline and process for adoption of the plan by City Council, including the possibility of suggesting a new name for the plan.

Commissioner Bosse made a motion to authorize Chair Brady to represent the Commission and share the consensus input to support the sustainability plan framework and timeline as presented and for the plan to address the current situation, obstacles, desired future states, and measurable solutions, at the next City Council Work Study Session with Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr as an alternate, with Commissioner Coletta providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. All members present voted for APPROVAL.

### **4) Water Conservation Experience Sharing**

Vice Chair Chrisman Lazarr shared information about her personal water use over two years and how she benchmarked it to better understand which conservation strategies were most effective. Sharing collective results might be an opportunity for the Commission to promote community engagement in water conservation and participate in an action to support the sustainability plan.

Highlights of her presentation included how she used the AWMUA water use calculator as a benchmark and the lawn reduction and leak repairs done to reduce water use. Especially as a result of fixing irrigation system leaks, Ms. Chrisman Lazarr expects to use 46% less water than last year. Commissioner Johnson shared a similar story, and the Commission will discuss ways to share these stories with residents.

### **5) Staff Updates**

Staff shared updates on the launch of the Blue Zones initiative, the Maricopa Association of Governments new environmental work group, the status of the Shade and Tree Plan, and an update on the effective date for the IgCC code updates (July 1).

### **6) Identification of Future Agenda Items**

Commissioners discussed future agenda items including possible updates to single family/residential codes, an update on the Old Town recycling program, making a new Coyotes arena sustainable, an update on the WaterSmart program, composting at WestWorld, and inviting community members to share detailed input on the sustainability plan.

**Adjournment 7:52 p.m.**



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