



**APPROVED 12/11/2024**

**\*SUMMARIZED MEETING MINUTES\***

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

**5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, 2024**  
Community Design Studio Nave  
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale 85251

**Call to Order** 5:34 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Ute Brady, Vice Chair Scheck (virtually); Commission Members: Alexandra Craig, Walter Cuculic (virtually; arrived at 6:07 p.m.; departed early), Tara Iyengar, Ryan Johnson, Alisa McMahon

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brent Stockwell, Assistant City Manager; Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability Director; Tim Conner and Justin Suryanata, Environmental Initiatives; Cindi Eberhardt, Planning & Development Area Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was one public comment on Item #2.

**1) Approve Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2024**

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2024, with Chair Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. Commissioners Brady, Scheck, Craig, Iyengar, Johnson and McMahon voted for APPROVAL. Commissioner Cuculic was not present for the vote.

**2) Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan**

Commissioners shared their reactions to "Plan" versions Option A and Option B posted with the unamended November 25, 2024 City Council Regular Agenda, including the removal of all Targets and entire Priority sections. Commissioners reviewed and edited draft motions and a draft recommendation letter (both attached).

Chair Brady made a motion that SEAC reaffirm its recommendation that City Council adopt the May 21, 2024 draft Community Sustainability Plan, revised to incorporate the clarifications recommended in SEAC's October 23, 2024 letter to City Council, with Vice Chair Scheck providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All Commissioners voted for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion that SEAC recommend that City Council reject Sustainability Plan Options A and B advanced with the 11/25/24 City Council agenda Item 9 as: 1. Option A: Resolution No. 13286 approving the Extreme Heat strategies; 2. Option B: Resolution No. 13299 approving the Scottsdale Community Sustainability Plan [including the Extreme Heat, Water and Waste elements], with Commissioner McMahon providing a Second for the motion, which carried 7-0. All Commissioners voted for APPROVAL.

Chair Brady made a motion that all references to SEAC's involvement in the Sustainability Plan be removed from Sustainability Plan Option B, including, but not limited to, Commissioners' names on the Acknowledgements page. The motion was WITHDRAWN.

Chair Brady made a motion that SEAC appoint the Chair to represent SEAC at any City Council meetings that occur in the interim period between SEAC's November and December 2024 meetings when the Sustainability Plan will be discussed, and that SEAC appoint the Vice Chair to go in the Chair's stead if the Chair is unable to attend, with Commissioner Iyengar providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. Commissioners Brady, Scheck, Craig, Iyengar, Johnson and McMahon voted for APPROVAL. Commissioner Cuculic was not present for the vote.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to transmit a letter of recommendation (attached) to City Council related to the sustainability plan (as edited during the meeting), with Chair Brady providing a Second for the motion, which carried 6-0. Commissioners Brady, Scheck, Craig, Iyengar, Johnson and McMahon voted for APPROVAL. Commissioner Cuculic was not present for the vote.

### **3) Sustainable Scottsdale Awards**

Commissioners discussed the process for round two of the award applications. They reviewed and reached consensus on a new draft of the questions for round two applicants (attached). Commissioner Craig will draft an introductory paragraph to provide instructions, including suggested page limits. The introduction and round two process generally will be finalized at the December meeting.

### **4) Plastic waste and health**

Commissioner Iyengar discussed her research and conversations to date about possible approaches to addressing plastic waste and health. She requested that Local First Arizona be invited to present at either the January or February meeting. Commissioner Craig volunteered to assist on plastic waste reduction efforts.

### **5) Staff Updates**

Lisa McNeilly introduced Justin Suryanata, the new Environmental Program Coordinator. She also shared the City Council Audit Subcommittee voted to recommend continuing SEAC by a vote of 2-1.

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

The Commission discussed potential items for the December meeting, including selecting the finalists for the Sustainable Scottsdale Award Program, approving the 2025 meeting schedule and reviewing the draft 2025 Annual Report.

**7) Recognition of Service: Commissioner Ryan Johnson**

The Commission recognized Commissioner Johnson for having completed two consecutive terms of service with the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission.

**Adjournment 8:11 p.m.**



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