



City of Scottsdale  
Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission (SEAC)  
**SUMMARIZED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, 2025**  
Community Design Studio  
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale 85251

**Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Iyengar, Waxelbaum, and Ulreich-Power (MS TEAMS)

**ABSENT:** Commission Member Craig was absent (excused) due to required attendance at the Scottsdale Citizens Water Academy

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tim Conner, Environmental Policy Manager / Commission Liaison; Adam Yaron, Planning & Development Area Manager; Tim Curtis, Planning Area Director, Karen Tyler, Supervising Assistant City Attorney, Justin Suryanata, Environmental Programs Coordinator; Clayton Hults, Planning Technician

**Public Comment:** None.

**Administrative Report – Tim Conner**

Tim Conner, Commission Liaison provided Administrative Report, no action was taken.

**Minutes**

1. Approval of August 20, 2025, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes.

**Item 1 Motion and Vote**

**CONTINUED: 5-1 by roll call vote. Vice Chair McMahon motioned, 2nd Commissioner Brady. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Iyengar, and Ulreich-Power voted in the affirmative; Commission Member Waxelbaum dissenting.**

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 2. 2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Award Program Update

Vice-Chair McMahon will review the progress of the program's advancements and any outstanding tasks that need to be addressed by the Commission.

**Presenter:** Vice Chair McMahon

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#### **Item 2 Motion and Vote**

**APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to authorize Commissioner Craig to consider extending the timeline for submissions for the Sustainable Scottsdale Award for the purpose of increasing publicity by Commissioner Brady; 2nd by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commission Members Brady, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.**

## NON-ACTION AGENDA

### 3. City Energy Information

Discussion regarding energy information associated with Scottsdale facilities provided in an email by the City of Scottsdale Facilities Department

**Presenter:** Vice Chair McMahon

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**The Commission discussed this matter, no action was taken.**

### 4. Water Conservation Strategies

Discussion regarding water conservation strategies including (a) separate metering and submetering, (b) flow sensors and other irrigation strategies, (c) strategies specific to medical and laboratory facilities and equipment, (d) strategies for ornamental water features, and (e) strategies for pools and spas.

**Presenter:** Vice Chair McMahon

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**The Commission discussed this matter, no action was taken.**

**5. SEAC 2024 Annual Report City Council Presentation**

The Commission will receive a presentation from Chair Scheck on the 2024 SEAC Annual Report presentation provided to City Council on September 9, 2025.

**Presenter:** Chair Scheck

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**Note: Item 5 was moved to the beginning of the Non-Action Agenda. The**

**Commission discussed this matter, no action was taken.**

**6. Identification of Future Agenda Items**

The Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission may suggest items they wish to be placed on a future agenda. Consideration of such items includes: 1) request that the Commission Liaison agendaize the item for a future meeting; 2) request that the Commission Liaison investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Commission; or 3) take no further action. Per Arizona State law, the Commission may not discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter in the "Identification of Future Agenda Items" unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

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- **Chair Scheck inquired about the City's use of pesticides, including pre-emergent, on the Indian Bend Wash to control weeds and support turf health, specifically whether organic alternatives are utilized or if only synthetic chemicals are applied, and how such use may affect people, pets, and wildlife; consensus was reached to request that the Commission Liaison agendaize the item for a future meeting.**
- **Commissioner Waxelbaum inquired into the Commission receiving an update on Mayor Borowsky's proposal to relocate Salt River horses from the Tonto National Forest to Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve; consensus was reached to request that the Commission Liaison investigate the matter and prepare a written response to the Commission.**
- **Vice Chair McMahon added for the October meeting a continuation of tonight's discussion regarding SEAC minutes/notes**

**Adjournment – 8:09 p.m.**

**Adjournment APPROVED: Unanimously by voice vote; Chair Scheck motioned; 2nd Commissioner Brady.**