SCOTTSDALE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

SCOTTSDALE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Alisa McMahon, Chair
Ute Brady, Vice Chair
Alexandra Craig, Commissioner
Tara Iyengar, Commissioner
Siobhan Ulreich-Power, Commissioner
Judah Waxelbaum, Commissioner
Terry Winters, Commissioner

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

5:30 P.M.

SCOTTSDALE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Community Design Studio, 7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

The public will have access to the meeting place 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

Call to Order

Roll Call

One or more members of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission may be attending the meeting by telephone, video, or internet conferencing, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431(4).

Public Comment – Non-Agendized Items

Citizens may address the members of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission during Public Comment. However, Arizona State law prohibits the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission from discussing or taking action on an item that is not on the prepared agenda. Public Comment time is reserved for Scottsdale citizens, business owners and property owners to comment on non-agendized items that are within the Commission's jurisdiction. Speakers may submit a blue "Request to Speak" card in person prior to the beginning of the meeting. Public testimony is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and a total of 15 minutes.

Written comments are also being accepted for non-agendized items and may be submitted in-person at the hearing or electronically by clicking here. Written comments submitted electronically will be emailed to the Commission Members.

1. **Administrative Report – Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison**

   Note: The Commission may make comments or ask questions of the Commission Liaison; however, no Commission action will be taken.

Minutes

2. Approval of October 21, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes. **Commission Action:** Discussion and action (roll call vote).

REGULAR AGENDA

3. **Possible Continuation of Sustainable Scottsdale Awards Program for 2027**
   Discussion regarding whether to conduct a 2027 award cycle, including whether the Commission can expect support from the Office of Communications. Discussion may also include possible changes to the program and a 2027 award cycle timeline. Action may be taken regarding the disposition of the 2027 award cycle, changes to the program, and a 2027 award cycle timeline.

   Presenter: Commissioner Craig
   Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
   Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

4. **Idling Gets You Nowhere Campaign Discussion**
   The Commission will continue its discussion from the October 21, 2026, regular meeting regarding the prior Idling Gets You Nowhere campaign, including proposed updates to campaign messaging and outreach materials, and may consider recommendations for future educational or promotional efforts.

   Presenter: Vice Chair Brady
   Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
   Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

5. **Deconstruction and Reuse Discussion**
   The Commission will continue its discussion from the October 21, 2026, meeting regarding potential City support for and promotion of deconstruction and building material reuse practices. Discussion may include potential opportunities, implementation considerations, and next steps to further explore or advance these efforts. The Commission may consider related actions within its advisory role.

   Presenter: Chair McMahon
   Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
   Commission Action: Presentation, discussion, and possible action

NON-ACTION AGENDA

How the Non-Action Agenda Works: The Commission will receive a presentation and may have a discussion on each item but no action will be taken by the Commission. The Non-Action Agenda provides an opportunity for staff to receive input from the Commission and for the public to observe these discussions.

6. **Solid Waste Services Update – Follow-Up to March 2026 Presentation**
   The Commission will receive an update from Scottsdale's Solid Waste Services addressing follow-up questions from its March 18, 2026, presentation. Topics may include multifamily and other commercial recycling participation, glass recycling, historical residential refuse and recycling trends, transfer station improvements, household hazardous waste collection, food waste diversion at City facilities, and the status of relevant grant applications.

The presentation may also address Solid Waste Services' perspectives on potential soft plastics recycling initiatives, Pay-As-You-Throw programs, and deconstruction and building material reuse, including operational considerations and opportunities for coordination.

Presenter: Dave Bennett, Solid Waste Department Director
Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

7. **Soft Plastics Recycling and Pay-As-You-Throw Follow-Up Discussion**
   The Commission will continue its discussion regarding soft plastics recycling and Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT), following the presentation by J.D. Hill at the September 16, 2026, meeting. Discussion may include potential approaches, implementation considerations, and next steps to further explore these efforts.

   Presenter: Chair McMahon and Commissioner Iyengar
   Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
   Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

8. **City of Scottsdale 2027 Legislative Agenda**
   The Commission will receive a presentation from Chair McMahon and discuss the City of Scottsdale's proposed 2027 Legislative Agenda, scheduled for City Council consideration on November 10, 2026.

   Presenter: Chair McMahon
   Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
   Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

9. **Water Conservation Strategies**
   The Commission will discuss 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, e) strategies for pools and spas, f) hot water recirculation pumps, and g) elimination of non-functional turf.

   Presenter: Chair McMahon
   Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761
   Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

10. **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 agendize 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.

    Presenter: Chair McMahon

Staff Contact: Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison, ayaron@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-2761

Adjournment

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