



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

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road, Scottsdale 85251

Call to Order: 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon (left at 6:41 PM during Item 4), and Commission Members Brady, Craig, Iyengar (attended virtually), and Waxelbaum

ABSENT: Commissioner Ulreich-Power (absence excused, attending Water Academy)

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Conner, Environmental Policy Manager / Commission Liaison; Adam Yaron, Planning & Development Area Manager; Tim Curtis, AICP, Planning and Development Area Director; Karen Tyler, Principal Assistant City Attorney; Justin Suryanata, Environmental Programs Coordinator; Jack Kelly, Staff Coordinator; Taylor Reynolds, Principal Planner; and Nick Carroll, AICP, Planner

Note: Chair Scheck conducted the meeting and considered the agenda items in the following order: Item 1, Item 3, Administrative Report, Item 2, Item 4, and Item 5.

Public Comment: None.

Administrative Report – Tim Conner, Commission Liaison

Mr. Conner reminded the Commission of the meeting material timelines.

No action was taken.

Minutes

1. Approval of March 18, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.
Commission Action: Discussion and action (roll call vote).

Item 1 Motion and Vote

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve the March 18, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Craig with Vice Chair McMahon noting the following corrections:

Item 3 on Page 3 of the March 18, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes should read as “2) Request that the City Clerk schedule a Presentation slot at a future City Council meeting, preferably the meeting closest to Earth Day, to publicly acknowledge Stardust Building Supply for this recognition;”

Item 5 on Page 4 of the March 18, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes should read as “Commissioner Waxelbaum raised an additional potential agenda topic regarding changes to the certification of the advanced water purification facility.”

2nd by Chair Scheck. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commissioners Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. **2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Awards Program Update**
Commissioner Craig will provide an update on the program’s progress and identify any tasks requiring Commission coordination. The selected recipient is scheduled to be formally recognized at the April 28, 2026, City Council regular meeting.

Presenter: Commissioner Craig

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

The Commission discussed the planned award presentation to Stardust at the April 28, 2026 City Council meeting, including presentation format and scheduling considerations. The Commission considered alternative recognition options and agreed to present the award directly to Stardust at an off-site event coordinated with staff and the recipient.

Item 2 Motion and Vote

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to cancel the scheduled April 28, 2026, Sustainable Scottsdale Award Presentation with City Council in favor of presenting the Sustainable Scottsdale Award directly to Stardust by Chair Scheck.

2nd by Commissioner Brady. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commissioners Brady, Craig, Iyengar, and Waxelbaum voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes.

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.

3. **GCNA Monitored Donation Container Pilot Update**

Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona (GCNA) will present an update on its Monitored Donation Container Pilot. Monitored Donation Containers decrease municipal refuse collection/disposal costs and reduce the landfilling of usable household goods and clothing. The presentation will highlight performance data from deployments in Q4 2025 and Q1 2026 with a partner municipality, newly fabricated containers, and enhancements to the pilot program. Commissioners will discuss the program updates in consideration of a possible follow-up to SEAC's August 2025 recommendation to City Council.

Presenter: Nikki Smith, Director, Sustainability Projects, Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

Commissioner Craig recused herself from this item due to a potential conflict of interest.

Nikki Smith, Director of Sustainability Projects, Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona, gave a presentation to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the item, including consideration of a potential follow-up to City Council.

No action was taken.

4. **Shade & Tree Plan for the Built Environment**

Presentation by Planning staff regarding the draft Shade & Tree Plan for the Built Environment. The Commission will review and discuss the draft Plan and offer input for consideration in advance of Development Review Board review.

Presenter: Taylor Reynolds, Principal Planner

Staff Contact: Tim Conner, Commission Liaison, tconner@scottsdaleaz.gov, 480-312-7833

Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

Taylor Reynolds, Principal Planner, gave a presentation to the Commission.

Commissioners provided comments and questions regarding the document's purpose,

intended audience, and applicability, including how it may be used by City staff, the public, and other departments. Discussion included whether the document is intended to function as a design or reference guide for future development, and whether the use of the term “Plan” appropriately reflects its scope and intent. Commissioners also raised questions regarding the absence of measurable goals, baseline data, and implementation strategies, and how available data is being used to inform the document. Additional comments addressed how the document applies to existing developed areas, particularly hotter parts of the city, its relationship to broader issues such as heat, water, and air quality, and the extent to which it provides guidance for private property and planting decisions.

During the discussion, some Commissioners expressed interest in assembling comments collectively for delivery to City staff. Commissioners were advised by Karen Tyler, Principal Assistant City Attorney, that any comments intended to reflect the position of the Commission must be read into the record during the meeting, and that comments submitted after the meeting would be considered individual public comments. Commissioners were further advised that any additional input should be submitted as individual written comments directly to Mr. Reynolds, either through the project webpage or by email, in accordance with Open Meeting Law requirements.

No action was taken.

5. 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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Commissioner Iyengar requested that the Commission Liaison coordinate with Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport staff to schedule a presentation at the May regular meeting, if available, regarding sustainability initiatives, with an emphasis on waste diversion and reduction, including plastics and food waste.

No action was taken.

Adjournment – 7:21 P.M.

APPROVED: Unanimously by voice vote; Motion to adjourn by Chair Scheck, 2nd by Commissioner Brady.



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