



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

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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, Craig (arrived at 5:37P.M.) Iyengar, Ulreich-Power (arrived at 5:31) and Waxelbaum (attended virtually)

ABSENT: All present.

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

Note: Chair Scheck conducted the meeting and considered the agenda items in the following order: Item 1, Item 2, Item 6, Item 3, Item 4, Item 7, Item 8, and Item 5.

Public Comment: None.

1. Administrative Report – Adam Yaron, Commission Liaison

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

No action was taken.

2. Minutes

Approval of April 15, 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 April 15, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes by Chair Scheck with Vice Chair McMahon's note of the following correction:

Page 1 of the April 15, 2026, Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission Regular Summarized Meeting Minutes should indicate Chair Scheck as present and not absent.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

3. GCNA Monitored Donation Container Pilot – Consideration of Recommendation

At the April 15, 2026 SEAC Regular Meeting, Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona (GCNA) presented an update on its Monitored Donation Container Pilot. Monitored Donation Containers decrease municipal refuse collection and disposal costs and reduce the landfilling of usable household goods and clothing. The Commission will discuss the information presented and may consider approval of a written recommendation to City Council regarding Scottsdale's participation in GCNA's Monitored Donation Container Pilot.

Presenter: Vice Chair McMahon

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

Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

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

Item 3 Motion and Vote

APPROVED: 6-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve a letter of recommendation to City Council regarding Scottsdale's participation in GCNA's Monitored Donation Container Pilot by Chair Scheck.

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

4. 2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Awards Program Update

Commissioner Craig will provide an update on the program's progress and identify any tasks requiring Commission coordination, including the logistics of presenting the award.

Presenter: Commissioner Craig

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

Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

Item 4 Motion and Vote

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve presenting the 2026 Sustainable Scottsdale Award to Stardust at the 2026 Build Reuse Deconstruction + Reuse Conference in Phoenix in November 2026, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's Office; and, if that presentation is not feasible, to authorize staff to pursue a request with the City Clerk's Office to present the award at a City Council meeting in September 2026, or at the earliest available meeting thereafter by Commissioner Craig.

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

5. SEAC Summer Meeting Schedule

The Commission will discuss and may take action to modify the Commission meeting schedule, including potential cancellation or rescheduling of meetings, for June, July, and August 2026.

Presenter: Chair Scheck

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

Commission Action: Presentation, possible discussion and action

Item 5 Motion and Vote

APPROVED: 7-0 by roll call vote. Motion to approve cancellation of the June 17 and July 15, 2026 regular meetings of the Scottsdale Environmental Advisory Commission; and for the Commission Liaison to keep the Chair and Vice Chair informed of any proposed Ordinance that may develop from the Shade and Tree Plan that may advance for public input during that time and prior to the scheduled August 19, 2026 regular meeting, with the understanding that the August 19, 2026 meeting may also be cancelled if no such Ordinance advances for public input.

2nd by Commissioner Ulreich-Power. Chair Scheck, Vice Chair McMahon, and Commissioners Brady, Craig, Iyengar, Ulreich-Power 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.

6. Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – Sustainability & Resiliency Management Plan and Waste Initiatives

Presentation by Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport staff regarding the Aviation Department's Sustainability & Resiliency Management Plan, with an emphasis on the Waste Focus Area, including reduction and diversion of plastic and organic material. The presentation will also describe how the City of Phoenix Green Business Partner Program supports the efforts of Phoenix

Aviation and its business partners to achieve the Plan' goals.

Presenter: Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Staff, Mailén Pankiewicz and Kaysey England

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

Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

Mailén Pankiewicz, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Staff, gave a presentation to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the item.

No action was taken.

7. Shade & Tree Plan Update

Vice Chair McMahon will provide a general update on the Shade & Tree Plan adopted by the Development Review Board on May 7, 2026.

Presenter: Vice Chair McMahon

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

Commission Action: Presentation and possible discussion

Vice Chair McMahon provided a general update on the Shade & Tree Plan adopted by the Development Review Board on May 7, 2026.

The Commission discussed the item.

No action was taken.

8. 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.

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

Commissioner Iyengar identified the following item for possible placement on a future agenda:

- **Plastic Recycling Program Update: Presentation from R. City regarding the plastic recycling component that has been added to the existing composting program, including available metrics and information on service to Scottsdale residents.**

Vice Chair McMahon identified the following items for possible placement on a future

agenda:

- **2027 Sustainable Scottsdale Awards Program: Discussion regarding whether the Commission would like to pursue the Sustainable Scottsdale Awards Program in 2027 and, if so, the associated timeline.**
- **Deconstruction Support and Promotion: Discussion and possible recommendations regarding city support for, and promotion of, deconstruction as an alternative to traditional demolition.**
- **Shade and Tree Plan Ordinance Follow-Up: Review and possible recommendations regarding any proposed ordinances that may develop from the Shade and Tree Plan.**

No action was taken.

Adjournment – 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED: Unanimously by voice vote; Motion to adjourn by Chair Scheck.



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